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The Agreement of the *Prophetick Symbols*
with the History of the *Roman, Saracen,*
and *Ottoman Empires*, and of the *Popedom*.

To this are added these REMARKS on this Prophecy.

- I. The great Usefulness of the Interpretation of the *Revelation*.
- II. The Chronology of the *Symbolical History*, and its Events.
- III. An Answer to the *Papists Evasions*, that the Whore is the State of *Pagan Rome*, or a future State of it.
- IV. Notes on the several Figures of the *Roman Empire* in this Prophecy.
- V. Notes on the several Temples, mention'd in this Prophecy, on the Sealing of the Saints, and on the City called *New Jerusalem*. And in this Prophecy the three States of the Saints after Death are plainly described; the Separate State of their Souls, their *Millenary* Reign with Christ on Earth, and their Glorious State in the new Heaven and Earth.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand. Rev. i. ver. 3.

Yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. Heb. io. ver. 37.

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TO THE
Right Reverend Father in GOD,
EDWARD,
Lord Bishop of *Litch-*
field and Coventry.

MY LORD,



HEY who know Your
Lordship's Piety and Pru-
dence, do believe, that our
Church is very happy un-
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that Your Knowledge in
all sorts of useful Learning, gives You

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a just Place in the Publick Councils of our Country ; where You may pursue these great Aims of the Wisest Politicians, the Preservation of Peace, the Promotion of Commerce, and of pure Christianity amongst all Nations. I beg Your Lordship's Leave to propose this new but useful Notion, that an accomplished Statesman ought to consult these Divine Oracles ; wherein he will find the Fates of all Kingdoms, the Time of their Fall determined, and who must effect it.

The High Priest of the *Jews* read the Prophecy of *Daniel* to *Alexander*, in which he was described as the Conqueror of the *Persian* Empire : This pushed on his ambitious Design, and that was successful, because it was so decreed in the Prophecy.

All the four great Monarchies are described by *Daniel* ; the *Jews* had the Direction of their Holy Prophets, the *Romans* consulted their *Sibylline* Books ; but
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'tis the Duty as well as Glory of Christians, to study and obey these Oracles of Jesus Christ, the *King of Kings*, deliver'd in the *Revelation* of St. John: The Subject of them is the History of the old *Roman Empire*, from *Trajan's Reign* to the last Ages of the World. And since *England* is part of the old *Roman Empire*, and since 'tis also here decreed, that the ten Kingdoms in *Europe* shall confederate with the *German Emperor*, against the Papal Tyranny; none can deny that *England* is concerned in the *Revelations*.

This Prophecy contains many irresistible Decrees; the *Ottomans* must possess the Eastern Part of the old *Roman Empire*, till Christ comes to destroy that *Mahomedan Antichrist*: In the Western Parts of that Empire, the Popedom will insult the *German Empire*, and the ten Kingdoms in *Europe*, till the Time appointed in this Prophecy, for the Fall of that Spiritual Kingdom. The *Turk* cannot now by any Policy, or Armies,

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conquer the *German* Empire; nor can that subvert the *Ottoman*, till the Time determined. The Emperor in *Europe* cannot possess the ten Kingdoms, nor they obtain that Empire. To attempt any thing contrary to these Decrees, either by Policy or War, is to contest with the Decrees in Heaven; and no Projects can be successful, but those that are consistent with them: And such is this future History delivered in these Prophecies; the *Jews* must return into *Judea*, many Calamities will weaken the *Ottoman* Empire, the City of *Rome* will be burnt by the Emperor and his Allies, and at last the Antichristian Empire will be destroyed by Christ at his second Coming, who will then deliver all Kingdoms to his Saints. God will put it into the Heart of Princes to fulfil his Will, and then will direct their Counsels to accomplish these extraordinary Events.

I must submit this Opinion to Your Lordship's Judgment, Whether it is not now as possible to guess at the Century
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in which the second Coming of Christ is decreed, by the Computations delivered in this Prophecy, as the *Jews* by the Computations in *Daniel* did know his first Coming.

This Prophetick History deserves the greatest Veneration, because of its glorious Author; and it contains all the mysterious *Arcana* of the Christian Religion, and the happy future State of them who believe it.

After the Fall of *Rome*, we expect the Reign of Christ in the *Millennary* Kingdom, out of which he will destroy all Tares, or Sectaries, and establish an Uniformity of Worship, and that heavenly Liturgy of holy Anthems, which we read in this Prophecy. Then the Kings will be Priests, and four Beasts Emperors under Christ, who then will restore the Just to their Bodies, and replace them in *Adam's* Paradise, that they may eat of the Tree of Life. These are Mysteries, at which the Impious scoff,

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scoff, and which the prejudiced Readers reject; but I will appeal to Your mature Judgment, and beg the Protection of Your Venerable Authority: Who am,

MY LORD,

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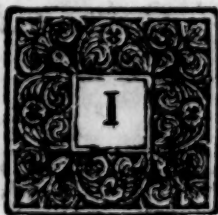
Your Lordship's most Obedient,

and Humble Servant,

John Floyer.



THE PREFACE.



Will here give some Rules, whereby the Prophecies in the Revelations may be interpreted.

1. *All the Prophetick Symbols must represent some of the Events in the fourth Monarchy, described by Daniel; that is, in the Roman Empire.*

2. *The Symbols must be explained by the old Symbols used by the Jewish Prophets, which represented particular Events in the Jewish Kingdoms; and these may be collected from the old Prophecies, and the History of the Jews will interpret them.*

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3. *The Events are represented by the Symbols, as a Man is by a Picture; and all the Certainty we can have that our Interpretation is true, is the Similitude of the History to the Symbols.*

4. *The future Events must begin at, or after the Delivery of the Prophecy to St. John.*

5. *By the History of the Events we may discern the Time, and Place, and Persons, concerned in the Description of the Symbols; and by the Events we can truly expound the mysterious Signification of the Prophecy: Thus we are taught to interpret the Revelation; the seven Stars are the seven Angels of the Churches, and the seven Candlesticks are the seven Churches.*

6. *As the Symbols succeed one another, so must also the Events succeed in their Historical Order and Chronology.*

7. *The great Events from St. John to our Time, must respect both Parts of the Roman Empire, for that is the Subject of the Prophecy. In the Eastern Parts was the Destruction of the Jews by Adrian, the Persecution of the Church, the Change of the State of the Roman Empire, its Division, and Rise of the Constantinopolitan Empire, and the Establishment of Christianity under the Christian Emperors; the Destruction of the Eastern Empire by the Saracen and Turk, and now the Turk possesses it. The Saracen Empire's rise and fall; and the Rise of the Turks, by their coming over Euphrates, and conquering three*

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of the ten Horns in the West. the Jews must hereafter return, and the Vials will be poured out in the Turkish Empire: At that time they will set up a false Prophet, to draw the Mahomedans to besiege the two Tribes then returned to Jerusalem, and there Christ will destroy Gog, that is, the Turks and other Mahomedans, after they have slain the two Witnesses, the converted Jews and Christians, and Christ will raise them up, and cast Antichrist, with his Prophet, into the Lake of Fire.

The great Events in the Western Empire since St. John, are the Conversion of the several Kingdoms, and Martyrdom of many Christians, the Invasion of the Northern Nations, and Division of the Western Empire into ten Horns, the Rise of the Pope, and his new raising of the Western Empire, by setting up seven Emperors in the Caroline Family; and then afterwards transferring it to a Branch of the same Family, in the German Empire, who is the Scarlet Beast, on whom the Pope rides, who corrupts Religion in the West; he is hated by this Beast and ten Horns, and the City of Rome must be burnt. The Reformation is intimated by the Angel having the everlasting Gospel, ch. 14. and by the Voice calling the Reformed out of Rome.

8. We now see the Church in the East oppressed by the Mahomedans, they have possessed Jerusalem ever since 638. (except a small time in the Holy War) 'tis certain they suffered more than the Church in the West; they have been forced into a Religion that blasphemes Christ, as the Son of God, and therefore that State of
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the Eastern Church is described Rev. 11. as that of the West, Rev. 17. Two of the Woes rise in the East, the Saracens and Turks, and therefore the third must be in the West; the Wars of those Nations with the Western Christians, and the Rise of Antichrist, is declared ch. 9.

The present State of the Roman Empire we now see, the Turk in the East, the German Emperor in the West, with the several Kingdoms called the ten Horns, and the Pope in Italy. By our Histories we know the Rise of all these, and if the past and present State agree with the Symbols mention'd in the Prophecies, then the Prophecies are truly interpreted, because the Symbols and History of these considerable Events in Church and State agree very well; if we know the present and past State since St. John's time, the future History will be easily known by the Symbols, which do represent the Destruction of the present State, both in the East and West. We need no Angel to assist us in the Interpretation of the Revelations, because 'tis easy for any Historian to compare the History of the Roman Empire with the Symbols; and the Symbols are the Names of any thing, used to represent mysteriously any other, by some Resemblance it has to it. We must consider all the following Prophecies.

9. Daniel's Prophecy, concerning the Roman Empire, and the Kingdom of Christ, represented by Nebuchadnezzar's Image; this must be consider'd, Dan. ch. 2. the two Legs of Iron shew the Division of that Empire into East and Western Empires, A. D. 164. by Marcus Antoninus Verus, and Lucius Commodus,

dus, who then began to reign, æquo jure. The Western was broken by the Northern Invasions, but the Eastern by the Saracens and Turks; the Western was in part recovered by the French and German Emperors: The ten Toes are the Divisions into several Kingdoms, and at the end of the Roman Empire, Christ's Kingdom will succeed. The same are the Histories that the Revelations represent, as Daniel's Prophecy predicts; Dan ch. 7. represents the Roman Empire, by the fourth Beast, who will have ten Horns, that is, be divided in the West into ten Kingdoms, and after that the little Horn will rise, Antichrist's Kingdom in the East, that is, the Turkish Empire, and these make War with the Saints; but their Dominion will be taken away, and given to the Saints. Esdras describes the Beast, or Roman Empire, as an Eagle: and St. John describes the different States of it by the four Horses, and the seven Trumpets shew its Wars, and the Beasts, Rev. 13. the new Form of it under the Saracens and Turks. And Daniel, ch. 11. explains the Rise of the little Horn, by the King of the South and North; and when their Kingdoms are united, they are the Beast with two Horns. Daniel ends his Prophecy with the Millennium, as most of the old Prophets do.

10. The Prophecies of our Lord Jesus Christ relate to the Destruction of the City and Temple of the Jews, and the Signs of it, Wars, Famine, Earthquakes, and the Dispersion of the Jews, and Conversion of the Gentiles, his second Coming, the raising the Dead, his Judgment, and glorious Reign.

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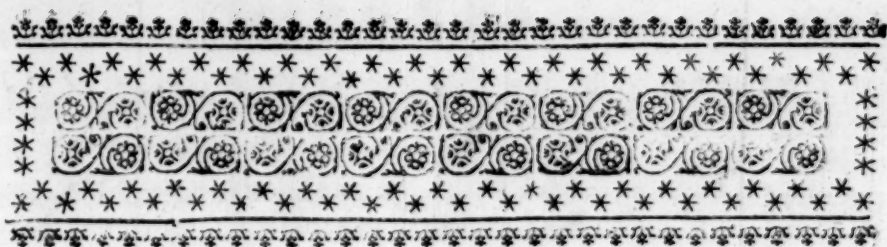
11. *St. John lived till Trajan, and then his Events must begin, and Trajan may be his first Horse, to represent the prosperous State of the Roman Empire under the Pagan Emperors.*

12. *The Account of Gog in Ezechiel and Zachary, and of Antichrist by St. Paul, must be consider'd.*

I will conclude this Preface with Grotius's Judgment, Grotius de Antichristo, p. 482. In Prophetiis explicandis, semper patuit, & patere deber, omnibus Dei amorem amantibus, campus liber; qui minimam vim verbis faciat, qui confusa distinguit, qui Historias apertas vaticiniis commodissime aptat, plus semper apud judices æquos referet gratiæ.

I therefore have here endeavoured to interpret the Symbolical Visions in the Revelations, by the Histories of the Eastern and Western Church and Empires, and those of the Saracen and Ottoman Empires, and of the Popedom.

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R E V. Chap. I.

*Concerning the Author and Writer of this Prophecy, and his
Vision of Christ in H E A V E N.*

- i.  O D and Jesus Christ sent this Prophecy to St. *John* by an Angel, who raised the Visions in the Mind of St. *John*, and then interpreted them. This is the most glorious Prophecy in the Christian Church, and 'tis no way probable, that it was given to any other than St. *John*, the beloved Apostle, who bore Record of the Word of God, and of the Testimony of Jesus, and all that
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he saw; none could say this but St. *John*; none of the Holy Men was banished into the Isle of *Patmos*, but St. *John*, in *Domitian's* Reign; none could write to the seven Churches but he, over which he presided as Archbishop. St. *John* was a Companion and Brother in Tribulation, because of his Banishment; by the Tradition of the Church, and of *Irenaeus*, he was the Writer of the *Revelations*, and was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.

2. Jesus Christ is here described; he is the faithful Witness, the first begotten of the Dead, the Prince of the Kings of the Earth; he loved us, and washed us from our Sins in his own Blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto God, (and this Honour could be given to none but the Apostles.) To him, that is, Christ, be Dominion, and Glory for ever, *v. 6.* Behold he cometh with Clouds, and every Eye shall see him; and they also that pierced him, and all Kingdoms of the Earth shall wail because of him, (this is a Prophecy of his Second Coming, as is described in *Zach. 12th.* after the Conquest of *Gog.*)

Christ is *Alpha* and *Omega*, the first and last, *v. 11.* He commands St. *John* to Write to the seven Churches; he spoke with a Voice like a Trumpet, *v. 10.* He shewed the Vision of the seven Candlesticks, (Churches in *Asia.*) He was the Son of Man, as *Daniel* calls him; clothed with a long Garment, like a High-Priest, and his glorious Body appeared thus; his Hairs white as Wooll, and his Eyes as a Flame of Fire, his Feet like Brass in a Furnace, and his Voice as the Sound of many Waters: In his Right-hand seven Stars (that is, seven glorious Bishops of his Church;) out of his Mouth a two-edged Sword, (this expresses his Power to destroy) and his Countenance as the Sun shineth in its Strength. All this is the Description of his glorious Body, into which our Bodies will be changed, to be like his, *v. 18.* He hath the Keys of Death, which is the Power of raising our Bodies, and of Hell, the place of the Dead, in which the Souls are kept.

3. All that is said of God the Father is, that he gave this *Revelation* to Jesus Christ, *v. 1.* Grace and Peace is pray'd for to him, for the seven Churches; and he is, and was, and is to come, *v. 4.* And the same is pray'd for from Jesus Christ; and the seven Spirits: God is said to be the Father, to whom Glory and Dominion is given, for ever and ever, *v. 6.* He is *Alpha* and *Omega*, the Beginning and the Ending; is called the Lord which is, and was, and which is to come, the Almighty, *v. 8.* And Christ is called *Alpha* and *Omega*, the first

first and last, v. 11. Thus we see, that God the Father hath communicated his Honour and Name, as well as his Prophecies to Jesus Christ; and for this Reason 'tis said in *Heb. chap. 1. v. 3.* He is the Brightness of his Glory, and the express Image of his Person, and the Fulness of the Godhead dwells in him.

I once believed that the seven Spirits before the Throne, v. 4. were a Symbol of the Holy Spirit; but since he was then sent into the World to be a Comforter in the absence of Christ, 'tis not proper to represent him before the Throne, like the seven Angels, who were to convey Grace and Peace to the seven Churches, from God the Father, and Jesus Christ, who are only represented in Heaven. Mr. *Mede*, and Dr. *Hammond*, only call the seven Spirits, Angels; and the Angels command the seven Churches to hear what the Spirit saith to them; he was given to the Apostles under the Symbol of 12 fiery Tongues, by him they wrought Miracles, and Prophesied; he sanctifies the Saints, and seals their Bodies to the Day of their Resurrection, or Adoption; he disposes of their Souls into their several Repositories, and he gives the Reward in the *Millennium*, chap. 2d & 3d of the *Revelations*; to stand before the Throne, can belong to none but the Archangels; and chap. 8. v. 2. they are called the seven Angels, which stood before God, and to them were given seven Trumpets; chap. 5. the Lamb is described with seven Horns, and seven Eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the Earth: Here the seven Spirits are sent by the Lamb to his seven Churches, and his seven Horns are seven Kingdoms to be railed by the several Nations, that Invaded the *Roman Empire* upon the sounding of the seven Trumpets, or the seven Churches in *Asia*, to whom St. *John* wrote.

4. The seven Angels convey Grace and Peace to the seven Churches, they stand before the Throne, are the Eyes of the Lamb, sound his Trumpet for Invasions of Kingdoms; these are the seven Spirits of God, or Archangels, whom Christ has set over all the Kingdoms of the Earth, to govern all Temporal Affairs, as the Holy Spirit manages all Spiritual Affairs in Churches, and private Persons, by his ministring Angels. The Temporal Affairs are managed by Christ, who is now Prince of the Kings of the Earth, v. 5. but the *Millennium* will not be subject to the Angels, but to the four Beasts, and twenty-four Elders, who are to Reign on the Earth; and there they will be Kings and Priests.

5. The Subject that *St. John* is commanded to write, is, first the Vision of Christ, whom he had seen in his Glory : Then the Admonitions to the seven Churches, which are the Things that were then amiss ; and lastly, the Things which shall be hereafter, both in Church and *Roman* Empire ; and these Things *St. John* is commanded to write and shew to his Servants ; and happy are they that Read and Hear them. And these were writ to the seven Churches, and there preserved by them ; neither durst any Christian add or take from them any Thing, because of the Curse upon such as should do it.

These Visions represent certain Events that must come to pass, under certain Symbols or Figures, which must be explained by the Events in the Fourth Empire, or the *Roman*, *Saracen*, *Ottoman* Histories, and that of the *Popedom*, and *Northern* Invasions. The Symbols are called Mysteries ; they are not to be taken literally, but as Figures of real Histories. These Symbols are intermixed, to make the Prophecy obscure ; but much of the History is related, without any Symbol ; and we must avoid too much Allegory, and making the plain History Symbolical ; for where the Prophecy is natural good Sense, we must suppose no Symbol : It was necessary to use Symbols, because of offending the *Roman* Empire then standing, and too much Plainness would have occasioned greater Persecutions against Christianity ; and all the old Prophets made use of Symbols, like these. The Angels are to be taken literally as glorious Ministers of God, and not as Symbols ; for Men are represented by some Animal ; Stars, Trees, or Grass : But the Account of the *Millennium*, of the two Resurrections, and two Judgments, in *chap. 20.* is plain History, and not any Symbol. The glorious Vision of Christ put *St. John* into an ecstasie, thro' Fear he fell down dead ; but he laid his Hand on him, and bid him not to Fear. So *Daniel*, *chap. x.* became Dumb, and retained no Strength, and there was no Breath left in him, but the Angel strengthened him. And *chap. 8. v. 17.* *Daniel* was afraid, and fell on his Face, *v. 27.* He fainted, and was sick after the Vision. These were the Effects of Divine Visions on true Prophets ; those which pretend to Visions have convulsive Motions, which are the Effects of Evil Spirits, as we may observe in those possessed by the Devil in the Gospel.

St. Peter was in an ecstasie, when he saw Heaven opened, *Acts 10. v. 10.* And *St. Paul* was in an ecstasie, *Acts 22.* when Christ spoke to him in the Temple ; and this *St. John* calls

calls his being in the Spirit ; that is, when the Mind of Men is moved by a Vision, made in it by a Spirit ; or else his Soul was carry'd out of the Body into the third Heaven, as *St. Paul* relates of himself, he knew not whether he was in the Body, or out of it, *2 Cor. ch. 12.* And this was on the Lord's Day, which is the Day of his Resurrection ; for *v. 18.* 'tis said Christ Lives, and was Dead, and behold he Lives for ever and ever ; and has the Keys of *Hades* and Death. The Place of the Dead is here distinguished from Death it self, and so 'tis evidently distinguished, *chap. 20. v. 14.* Death and Hell shall be thrown into the Lake of Fire ; thus we know there is a Place for separate Souls, which must be burnt, after *v. 13.* it has given up the Dead in it. Death sits on the 4th Horse, and *Hades* follows him, *chap. 6.* By Death the *Turk* is represented, who will kill the third part of Men ; and *Hades*, the Place of the Dead, is here distinguished from Death ; the Place of the Just after their Separation, is under the Altar, the Place of them that were slain ; but the Place of the Devil's Prison is the Abyss, *chap. 20. v. 1.* And since the Wicked are to be thrown with *Satan* at last into a Lake of Fire, they are kept till then in the same Abyss, in which he will be imprisoned with them 1000 Years : But the Just, *chap. 7.* are before the Throne, and the Lamb will be amongst them, and they Day and Night serve him in his Temple. Thus we may be assured, that the Just are, after their Separation, in some Heavenly Mansions, that is the Planets, where there is a distinction of Day and Night, and a Temple, in which Christ's Glory appears to them ; and there is no Day and Night but in the Planetary System ; and from thence Christ will bring just Souls to the Resurrection of their Bodies.

REVELATIONS,

Chapters *Second* and *Third*.

CHRIST's *Letters to the Seven Churches* in *Asia*.

1. **S**T. *John* being absent in *Patmos*, is commanded by Christ to write to the Bishops or Angels, to amend their Lives and Errors. Christ is described as in the First Chapter ; he that holds the seven Stars, and walks in the middle of the seven Candlesticks. In the Second Letter he is the first and last, who was Dead, and is Alive ; in the Letter to *Pergamus*, This saith he that hath the sharp Sword with two Edges ; and so in every Letter some of his Description is prefixt : And then he commends what they do well, and gives them his Threats of particular Punishments for their Faults ; and the Rewards are promised in the *Millennium* by the Spirit, who speaks to the several Churches. To him that overcometh, will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God, *chap. 2. v. 7.* He shall not be hurt of the second Death, *v. 11.* To eat of the hidden *Manna*, and a new Name writ on a white Stone, *v. 17.* Power over the Nations, *v. 26.* The Morning Star, *v. 28.* To be clothed in White, and his Name not blotted out of the Book of Life, *chap. 3. v. 5.* I will make him a Pillar in the Temple of my God ; I will write on him the Name of my God, and the Name of the City, which is *New Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of Heaven, and write on him my new Name, *v. 12.* To sit in Christ's Throne, *v. 21.*

2. 'Tis a received Opinion by many, that the seven Periods of the Christian Church are represented by the seven *Asiatic Churches* ; But these Periods not being described any where,

where, that seems a very improbable Opinion. The seven Churches were particularly named ; and Christ then walked in the middle of the seven Candlesticks. And these are the present Things St. *John* was commanded to write, and he is not yet come to the Vision of future Things. Christ threatens to remove the Candlestick, which is a particular Church, and not the Universal. He says they hated the Deeds of the *Nicolaitans*, which was a Doctrine of a particular Church, and never in the Universal. The Tribulation shall be 10 Days, that is 10 Years at *Smyrna*. And these cannot be the State of all Churches. At *Pergamus* was the Seat of *Satan*, and that was the Place where *Antipas* was martyred, and therefore relates to a particular Church. There they taught to eat Things sacrificed to Idols. This was not in the Universal Church after *Constantine*, or *Theodosius's* Time.

Thyatira cannot relate to the Reformation : There was no *Jezabel* Prophetess, who seduced to real Fornication, and to eat Things sacrificed to Idols. The *Waldenses* never Preached against these Faults ; but called the Pope Antichrist, and *Rome*, *Babylon*.

Philadelphia is made the State of the Church in the *Millennium* ; but since 'tis said that Christ will come, that cannot relate to that, which will be when he is come.

Laodicea is made the State of the Church after the *Millennium*, when *Satan* is loosed ; but since all the Rewards are to be given in the *Millennium*, the State after cannot have any Promises to sit in Christ's Throne, that must be in the *Millennium*.

For these Reasons I think all the Periods asserted by Authors, are pure Imagination, and have no ground in these Chapters.

3. The *Nicolaitans* were a Sect who consented to the debauching one another's Wives. A. D. 88.

In *Marcus Aurelius's* Time was a Persecution at *Smyrna*, and *Polycarp* burnt.

The hidden *Manna* is the pleasant Fruits in the *Millennium* ; or Angels Food, or the *Manna* in the Ark hid by *Jeremy*, then discovered. (*Vid.* the History of the *Maccabees*.)

The white Stone is like a Ticket, or Patent to be a King, or Priest in the *Millennium*.

The white Garments are the clothing of the new raised Saints in the *Millennium*.

The Tree of Life will make the Saints Bodies Immortal in the *Millennium* ; and this will be in a Paradise of God ; *Adam's Paradise* restored.

There will be no second Death in the *Millennium*, that is the Condemnation of the Wicked to eternal Flames.

The new Name of the Saints after their Resurrection is described, *Isa. 62. v. 2.*

The *Manna* is called by *St. John*, Bread from Heaven, or Angels Food.

Christ will give the Saints Power to rule the Nations with a Rod of Iron ; therefore the new raised Saints will govern those Infidels, who are left in the four Corners of the World, as the Archangels now govern all Kingdoms.

Christ will in the *Millennium* make all his Saints Names to be writ in a Book of Life, and he will confess it before God and his Angels ; by which he will acquit them, and afterwards give them their new Name and Office.

The Morning Star is the best Government in the Church ; the seven Bishops are seven Stars.

The Saints after the *Millennium* will sit in the Throne with Christ, to Judge the wicked and evil Spirits ; and this will be the white Throne, *chap. 20.*

The Admonitions in these Chapters are without any prophetic Figure ; but the Description of Christ, and his Rewards and Punishments, are expressed in a prophetic Stile.

There was a Tree of Life in *Eden*, the same in the *Millennium* ; and these are Types of Eternal Life, given in the new Heaven and Earth : And this is opposed to the second Death in eternal Flames.

The giving Power over the Nations, *chap. 2. v. 26.* and to Rule them with an Iron Rod, must belong to the *Millennium*.

The Fruits of Paradise. To eat the hidden *Manna*, and to have a new Name, must be in the *Millennium* ; and to write his Name in the Book of Life, and to be clothed with white Garments, and to be a Pillar in the Temple (because there is no Temple in the new Earth) the Name of God, and *New Jerusalem*, and Christ's new Name, shall be writ in the *Millennium*, (that is, they shall have a right to be Inhabitants of the new Earth, who are approved, and live in the *Millennium* ; and they that overcome in this World, must flourish in the *Millenary* State, and thence be translated into the new Earth, in which dwelleth Righteousness, as *St. Peter* affirms.

There is a Throne of Christ as Judge in the *Millennium* ; but in the new Heaven a Throne both of God and Christ

to be adored, and to enlighten it by their Glory. Both these new States will be the Reward of the Just, and these are promised by the Spirit, who also appoints them, and seals them for these, when he sends them into the Heavenly Mansions, till Christ's second Coming; and then he restores their Bodies in the first Resurrection, then to be Judged by Christ, and admitted into his Kingdom on Earth. In these two Chapters, as well as in Chap. 20. we learn the State of the *Millennium*: That 'tis a Paradise, and has a Tree of Life; there they must eat the hidden *Manna*, or Bread from Heaven, *Joh. 6. v. 32.* And Christ is the true Bread from Heaven; he is the Bread of Life, *v. 35.* And from the Throne flow the Waters of Life, in the new Earth, *chap. 22.*

The Rewards of the Martyrs and Just Men dead, and their middle State is declared, *chap. 6 and 7.* till that in the *Millenary* Paradise: And those are here proposed as Encouragements to Living and Governing well. And these Rewards ought to encourage all in this Life to the Practice of the Christian Religion; that they may have their Portion and Office in the *Millenary* State, whose Happiness consists in this; our Souls come thither instructed in the Wisdom of Angels, and will be free from the Temptation of the World, the Flesh and the Devil, shut up in the bottomless Pit. Our Bodies will be raised in as perfect Estate as *Adam's* was in his Creation; they will be made Immortal by the Tree of Life; they will be fed in a Paradise with delicious Fruits, and live 1000 Years under the just Government of Christ, the four Beasts, and twenty four Elders; at the end of the *Millennium*, they will Judge their Persecutors, and the Devil: Then their Bodies will be made glorious, and then carried by Christ into a new Heaven and Earth, to Live for ever. This is the *summum bonum* which no Philosophy could discover, but now is clearly revealed in this Prophecy. And these three happy States are the Reward of a sincere Obedience to Christ's Laws in this World: And we must reckon the *Millenary* State as the greatest Happiness Human Nature is capable of, whilst it lives in this Terrestrial World, and is clothed with Flesh and Blood.

Christ is called the beginning of the Creation of God, *v. 14.* And this must be explained by what *St. Paul* wrote to the *Colossians*, *chap. 1. v. 15.* *Who is the Image of the Invisible God, the first born of every Creature.* And this Faith cannot be better expressed by any Man, than in the Words

Words of the *Nicene Creed* : *Begotten of his Father before all Worlds, God of God, Light of Light ; very God of very God.* By this we avoid the two Extreames they use who make our Saviour but a Man, led by the Spirit ; or their Opinion, who distinguish him not from God the Father. I think it my Duty to submit to the *Nicene Creed*, as the most Infallible Judge in this Controversy.

We may observe that the Spirit promises Rewards, which are mentioned in the *Scripture*, written by Inspiration of the Apostles. He need not now to give any new Revelations of any new Doctrine or Rewards. He works upon Men by proposing Rewards, and does not force their Consent, or any Actions. This is well compared to knocking at the Door, *chap. 3.* And we must open it ; we must consider the Reward, and use all means to attain it : But Christ rebukes and chastens as many as he loves, that they may repent ; and he is to Judge Mankind, and therefore threatens all the Punishments, as Head of the Church ; but unless the Holy Spirit was omniscient and omnipresent, he could not govern all Churches and Christians ; and unless he were also omnipotent, he could not create the World, and do all the Miracles our *Saviour* did, nor intercede for us, and raise our Bodies. The Church honours him as the Spirit of God, whom they are commanded to hear ; and since he is *the Lord and giver of Life*, and *proceedeth from the Father and the Son* ; he *with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified* ; according to our *Nicene Creed*, and the Tradition of all Ages. The Spirit is above all Angels, for he created them. They represented him in the twelve fiery Tongues, and in the Form of a Dove, and by his Power do Miracles. The Spirit conquers the Kingdom of *Satan*, who is ἀρχὴν κόσμου τούτου : *Joh. 16. v. 11.*

C H A P. IV.

*In this is the Vision of the Throne of GOD,
with the four Beasts, and twenty-four Elders
about it in the Heaven of Heavens.*

1. **T**HE Glory of God the Father is here represented by Jewels, but no Figure is here seen of him, only his glorious Throne is described. *Isaiah*, chap. 6. saw God sitting on his Throne, and above it the *Seraphims*, with six Wings; and in *Ezek.* chap. 1. is the *Appearance of the Likeness of the Glory of the Lord*; and his Throne appeared as a triumphant Chariot on Wheels, full of Eyes, with four Beasts.

2. The twenty-four Elders sit on Seats clothed in White, and Crowns of Gold on their Heads. This Vision is in Heaven, and the white Raiment signifies, that they were Saints admitted thither. Their Crowns are their Rewards in the *Millennium*. These four Beasts are Emperors, and the twenty-four Elders Kings, who must Reign on the Earth, in the *Millennium*, as Kings and Priests: For, chap. 5. v. 9. they say, *Thou hast redeemed us unto God, by thy Blood, out of every Kindred, Tongue, and People, and Nation. And we shall Reign in the Earth*, v. 10.

The *Israelites* had four Banners to lead their Camp, with the Pictures of these four Beasts, as Types of their future Government in the *Millennium*; *Judah's* Banner had a Lion; *Reuben's* a Man; *Ephraim* an Ox, and *Dan's* an Eagle. The *Cherub* that lead their Army, had four Faces, like these Beasts, to signify his Government, and Care of the whole Camp: But here the four real Beasts will obtain the Kingdom of the Saints, and govern it.

The four Monarchies in *Daniel* are represented by four Beasts; and therefore this is the Form of the Government in the *Millennium*; they have Crowns as Kings, and praise God as Priests.

The Beasts are here represented like the *Seraphims* in *Isaiah*, with Wings: And the Beasts are superior to the Elders, and are here represented like the *Seraphic Angels*. And the Beasts

Beasts said also, *Holy, holy, holy*. The Eyes in their Wings represent the great number of inferior Officers, or Priests. So the Eyes of the Lamb are seven Archangels, who govern the seven Heads or Kingdoms ; or seven Churches.

As these Beasts and Elders then fell down and worshipped God on his Throne in Heaven, so will they do in the *Millennium*. The future Events were then represented by this Counsel in Heaven : And so *Moses* made his Tabernacle-Worship, after the Pattern he saw in the Mount. In *Dan.* chap. 7. the Judgment did sit to destroy the little Horn ; and there God is described on his Throne, delivering the Kingdom to his Son ; and the Saints must possess the Kingdom.

The future State or Things to be hereafter, are represented by the sealed Decrees ; but this Vision represents Christ's Admission into Heaven, and his King-like Inauguration, after his Crucifixion. And this must not be taken as a Symbol of what was then to succeed in the Church. But it is a real History of what was done in the Heaven of Heavens, to shew Christ's Ascension thither, and to shew his receiving all Power in Heaven and Earth. Since the four Beasts and twenty-four Elders are to Reign on the Earth, they represent the Form of the Government in the *Millennium* under Christ ; and the Beasts are the chief Actors in the praising of God throughout this Prophecy, upon occasion of his Judgments.

The Lightnings, Thunders, and Voices proceeding from the Throne, represent the terrible Majesty of God ; the Rainbow round it adds to its Glory ; like an Emerald, and the Sea of Glass before it like Crystal (our World, or Waters above the Heavens ;) and he that sat on it was like *Jasper*. Thus we find we can have no Idea of God, but by conceiving such Similitudes of him, which are the most glorious of all sensible Things.

These four living Creatures (*ζῶα*) representing four Beasts, give Glory, Honour, and Praise to him that sits on the Throne, who lives for ever and ever ; and then the twenty-four Elders fall down and Worship him, and cast their Crowns before the Throne, saying, *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, and Honour, and Power, for thou hast created all Things, and for thy Pleasure they are, and were created*. By this Worship of the Creator in the Heaven of Heavens, we are taught to fall down and Worship him with our Bodies, as well as to give Praises, here on Earth ; and by throwing their Crowns before the Throne,

it teaches us, that all earthly Power ought to be subjected to him, who bestows on all Kings their Crowns.

The Vision of God on his Throne, by *Isaiah*, *Ezekiel*, *Daniel*, and *St. John*, are as sensible Proofs of a Supream Being, as could be given to Mankind; and for this we have the Testimony of these four Prophets: And *St. Stephen* had a Vision of Christ in Heaven at his Martyrdom; *St. Peter* and *St. Paul* heard his Voice from thence; and *St. John*, chap. 1. saw his glorious Body, and his three Apostles saw his Transfiguration, *Mat. 17.* when his Face was glorious as the Sun, and his Garments white like the Light; and this shewed to the Apostles his future State in Heaven. And *St. Paul*, 1 *Cor. chap. 9. v. 1.* says that he saw Jesus Christ our Lord; and this was after his Ascension into Heaven. And *St. Paul* was so fully convinced of the Truth of his Visions and Revelations, that he thought he might be in the third Heaven, which he called *Paradise*, in his real Body, or his Soul there out of the Body, he could not tell whether of them, 2 *Cor. chap. 12.*

C H A P. V.

CHRIST is represented as a Lamb slain, receiving a Sealed Book, containing God's Decrees concerning the Roman Empire and the CHURCH.

1. **T**HE Sealing up the Book shews, that the Prophecies in it were never fully delivered before the Lamb opened the Seals, who is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and the Root of David, because he was born of that Tribe and Family; as the *Messiah* ought to be; by former Prophecies.

2. Christ is here represented as a Lamb slain, having seven Horns, that is, seven Churches in *Asia*; governed by the seven Eyes, or seven Spirits, or Archangels of God.

The Lamb receives as a Reward, the opening of God's Decrees; then the four Beasts, and twenty four Elders worship the Lamb; and they had their Vials full of Odours, which are the Prayers of the Saints; these they offer at present, and will do the same in the *Millennium*. Here Christ is Inaugurated as a King, and Worshipped by Saints, and Angels, by their Harps and Songs. They confess they are then made Kings and Priests, as Christ was; then really invested with all Power in Heaven and Earth; and the same Power and Glory are prescribed to the Lamb, as unto God; and he is said to sit in God's Throne. The four Beasts are not Angels, because they were redeemed from the Earth by Christ. These were raised Saints, when their Bodies came out of their Graves at Christ's Resurrection; and here we find them in Heaven Worshipping him; and were some of the old Patriarchs and Prophets. And we may conjecture the four Beasts, were *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, and *Moses*, who were represented by several Creatures; because our Saviour says, they shall sit with those Patriarchs in the Kingdom of Heaven. *Mat. 8. v. 11. Luke 13. v. 28*, says, you shall see them, and all the Prophets in the Kingdom of God. The twenty four Elders are the

the twelve Prophets mentioned, 2 *Esd.* ch. i. v. 39. and the twelve Apostles had a Promise from their Master, that they should sit on Thrones, Judging the 12 Tribes of *Israel*. These are the twenty four Elders, under the Government of the four Beasts mentioned. St. *Paul* expected to be with Christ after Death; and St. *John* might have a prophetic Vision of what State was appointed for him with the rest of the Apostles, in the *Millennium*; their Names were writ in Heaven, and the Foundations of *New Jerusalem*.

St. *John* was concerned that no Man in Heaven, none of the Beasts or Elders, none in Earth, none living, and none under the Earth, in *Hades*, was worthy to open the Sealed Book. This Honour was reserved for Christ, who stood as a Lamb, and who appeared as if he had been slain; and he took the Book out of the right Hand of God; the Hand appeared to shew, that God the Father did deliver the Book to his Son; and then the Beasts and Elders offered him the Prayers of the Saints, to shew us, that we must pray to the Lamb; and they had Harps, and sung a new Song, *Thou art worthy to open the Book, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy Blood, and hast made us Priests and Kings unto our God, and we shall reign on the Earth*. By this Example, we are assured that Musick and Songs may be used in the Church, which are used in the Heaven of Heavens, in the praise of the Lamb for our Redemption, and the Honour he will bestow on his Saints in the *Millennium*. Then the Angels round the Throne worshipped the Lamb; being *Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands*; saying, *Worthy is the Lamb to receive Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honour, Glory, Blessing*; and the same every Creature gave to him that sitteth on the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Since all Angels and Men Worshipped the Lamb, who can now refuse him the same Honour? who can pay less Honour to his Redeemer? who is set above all Angels and Men, and intrusted with the execution of all God's Decrees in the Church and *Roman Empire*. The same Honour is pay'd to the Lamb, as to him who sat on his Throne, because he was the Redeemer of Mankind, by his Blood; every Person redeemed by his Blood, is obliged to pay him this Honour and Worship. If Christ were a mere Man, he could not be capable of the Worship of Men and Angels, and the execution of God's Decrees, and judging the World; but since the Word is joined to the Manhood, who created the World, and was with God from the Beginning, that makes the Manhood worthy and capable of

of these Honours in his exalted State. But now the Divine Nature of the Son of God, acts by, or thro' the Manhood, in governing the World, interceding for his Servants, and judging them, and his Enemies, and Reigning in the *Milennium*. Men are not capable of seeing the Godhead; and therefore will have a sensible Representation of it, by the glorious Body of their Redeemer Jesus Christ, and the Glory of God's Throne. Christ in *Coloss. 1. v. 15.* is called the Image of the invisible God, he created all Things: *It pleased the Father that in him all fullness should dwell, Heb. 1. He is the brightness of his Glory, and the express Image of his Person, upholding all things by the Word of his Power, v. 8. Unto the Son he sayeth, Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever; and St. John, ch. 1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* Since Christ is the Creator and Governour of the World, he is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent as God.

C H A P. VI.

The Vision of the Six Seals opened, which respect Things to come in the Roman Empire, and the Church.

THE four Horses are four Emperors, or Kings, who must possess the *Roman Empire* in some Parts, and not uncertain Spaces under the *Roman Emperors*, as some Interpreters imagine. *First Seal.*

The first is a white Horse, and he is represented as a triumphant Conqueror crowned; and this must be *Trajan*, to whose Time *St. John* lived, and in his Time the *Roman Empire* was enlarged, and in great Prosperity; the white Horse is a Sign of Triumph; he and *Adrian* destroyed the *Jews*.

The second Horse is a red Horse, and his Rider had a great Sword; and this is *Constantine*, who conquered all the Idolatrous Emperors, extirpated Heathenism; and this took away Peace from the Earth, or *Roman Empire*, for some Years: *Diocletian* poisoned himself; *Maximinian* was strangled at *Massilia* by *Constantine's* Order; *Severus* was slain by *Maximinus*; *Maxentius* conquered by *Constantine*; *Licinius* conquered *Maximinus*, and *Licinius* was slain by *Constantine*; *Maximianus* put many of the Idolatrous Priests to Death, who encouraged him to fight *Licinius*; and he slew many of the chief Persecutors. *Constantine's* Wars lasted 18 Years. *Second Seal.*

The third Horse is the black Horse, and his Rider in his Hand held a Yoke, not a Balance; this is a Symbol of Slavery: And this represents the *Saracen Emperors*; who would occasion a Famine by their Devastations in *Asia*; but they should not make *Italy*, and *France*, or *Greece* desolate. They could not conquer *Constantinople*, where Wine and Oil abound, but in the East the Famine would Rage. A Measure of Wheat for a Penny. 851, *Tanta fuit annona carites & fames, ut filii & parentes sese munda devorarent.* Chronol. Bucholceti.

Fourth Seal. The fourth Horse was a pale Horse ; Death sat on him, and Hell followed him : He had Power to Kill in the fourth Part of the Earth (that is *Asia* and the East Parts) with the Sword (in Wars) with Hunger (in Sieges) and making a desolate Country for wild Beasts.

If the Horses relate to the Emperors, who made the greatest Changes in the *Roman* Empire, *Trajan*, *Constantine*, *Mahomet's* Successors, and the *Ottoman* Emperors are these four Horses. To these the *Sibylline Oracles* relate, who first describe the *Roman Caesars* ; then declare that three shall Reign to the end of that Empire. So *Esdra*s first describes the 12 Wings of the Eagle, *Esd.* 2. ch. 3. v. 2, 3. and afterwards the three Heads of the Eagle, are three Kingdoms to be in the last Days of the *Roman* Empire ; therefore, both by *Esdra*s and the *Sibyls*, I am directed to expound these four Horses : The first of *Trajan*, who represents the *Roman* Empire under himself ; and the following Pagan Emperors, till *Constantine*, who is the second Horse, representing him and his Successors in the *Constantinopolitan* Empire, till the *Saracens* ; and the *Saracens* a third Horse, till the *Ottoman* Emperors, who are the fourth Horse.

The Agreement of these Prophecies with the *Revelations*, are a sufficient ground for my Opinion ; but the other Interpreters have none, but their own Hypothesis and Imagination.

Fifth Seal. The Souls of them that were slain, *St. John* saw under the Altar ; that is, in their Repositories, amidst the Stars, that Place being the most glorious, and under the Altar in the Heaven of Heavens : They suffered Martyrdom under the *Romans*, *Saracens*, and *Turks* ; they pray for Christ's Judgment on their Persecutors, and they had in their separate State white Robes given to every of them, till other Martyrs were killed, as they were ; and this would happen at the slaying of the two Witnesses, or the last Siege of *Jerusalem*, *Zach.* 14th, or by the Whore, and Antichrist. This proves that the Souls exist after Death, and pray for the Kingdom of Christ, in which they should be rewarded, and their Persecutors suffer.

Sixth Seal. There was a great Earthquake, and the Sun became black, and the Moon as Blood, and the Stars of Heaven fell into the Earth, and the Heaven departed as a Scroll ; and this is the Day of the Lamb's Wrath. This is a Description either of the second Coming of Christ, of which these Prodigies are Signs, as is mentioned in the Gospel, or probably the Destruction of the first Horse, the *Pagan* Emperors, by *Constantine*.

In this Chapter the four Horses end the *Roman* Empire; then the Saints pray for the Coming of Christ, who comes to destroy Antichrist, and the Kings of the Earth, as in *chap.* 19. and in *chap.* 16, the Earthquake is mentioned: None can be the great Day of Christ's Wrath, but that of his second Coming, with a Lake of Fire to destroy the *Turk*, before the *Millennium*; and this Chapter gives a general Scheme of all the *Revelations* till the *Millennium*: But since the Destruction of the Whore and Antichrist are mentioned in other Chapters, under this 6th Seal some other Day of Destruction is designed, *viz.* *Constantine's* Conquest of many Pagan Emperors: The Sun is the Emperor, the Moon *Rome*, Stars other Cities, or Generals; and there was an Earthquake. (306) See *Eusebius's* Chronicon. It destroyed many.

C H A P. VII.

In this is represented the Sealing of 144 Thousand Jews, and a multitude of Gentiles before the Northern Invasion on the Roman Empire.

THE Angels held the four Winds, which signifie Wars, *Jer. ch. 30. v. 23. and Dan. 7. v. 2.* The Earth is the Eastern part of the Empire, the Sea the West. *Ezechiel* represents Men by Trees, *chap. 20. v. 47, and chap. 17. v. 24.* None of these are to be hurt by the Wars, and they are sealed by the Angel from the East, that is by Christ's Command, who is called the East; and the Holy Spirit Seals all the Saints at their removal out of this World, to the Day of their Redemption; these Sealed are removed into their separate State, where white Robes are given them, and Palms in their Hands; these praise God for their Salvation; these came out of great Tribulation, and are Martyrs in the ten first Persecutions; they are before the Throne of God, and he that sitteth on the Throne shall dwell amongst them; the Lamb shall lead them to living Fountains of Water; their Palms are Signs of Victory.

That these sealed Jews, 144 Thousand, are in a separate State, appears by *chap. 14.* where they attend Christ, and the first Fruits redeemed from the Earth: And *Esdra*s says, *Behold the number of those that be Sealed in the Feast of the Lord, which are departed from the Shadow of the World, and have received glorious Garments of the Lord, 2 Esdr. c. 2.* On these Reasons I have built this Interpretation, and because the 144 Thousand, *chap. 14. v. 1.* are said to have his Father's Name writ in their Foreheads; and *chap. 3. v. 12.* Christ promises to write the Name of God, and of *New Jerusalem*, and his new Name on him. This is the Sealing by the Angel. These 144 Thousand have God's Name in their Foreheads, in the *Millennium*. They will have the other Names writ on them, after their Judgment.

St. Peter converted 3000 *Jews* at one Sermon, and the Strangers then at *Jerusalem*, when the Holy Ghost came, might convert many. St. James writes to the 12 Tribes; and they were (as *Josephus* affirms) then in great multitudes in *Persia*, *Armenia*, &c. till the *Saracens* dispersed them: They serve God in one Temple, Day and Night in their separate State, as they did here in the same Church, both *Jews* and *Gentiles*. 'Tis not probable that they who had suffered Persecution before *Constantine*, should live till the Wars of the Trumpets, and that this Sealing was only their Deliverance in those Invasions; 'tis their Salvation, for which they and the Angels, and four Beasts, give solemn Thanks to God, and the Lamb, in whose Blood they washed their Garments, and they are rewarded with white Robes, as the Martyrs under the Altar were.

The Winds were held from blowing on the Earth, in the peaceable Time of *Constantine*, after his Wars, and then they who were in great Tribulation in the Time of the Pagan Emperors, were carried into the separate State, prepared for them, and added to the Number of the first Martyrs when they died.

When the Pagan Emperors fell, then the *Constantinopolitan* Empire rose, that is the second Horse; and it is destroyed, chap. 14. in the Vintage, since that Church was then the Vine of the Earth, and *Greece* abounded with Wine, and was a glorious Church 1453 Years.

The *Roman* Pagan Empire Crucified our Saviour, made ten Persecutions; and the Fall of *Paganism* is no where described, unless by the sixth Seal; and since the *Jews* Kingdom and Religion was subverted for the Blood of Christ, we may well guess that the Pagan Empire had the same Fate for his Crucifixion. This time may be the Day of Christ's Wrath.

All the following Horses, the *Saracen* and *Turk*, have their Rises described, chap. 9. The *Saracen* is cut down by the Harvest, chap. 14. And the *Turk*, chap. 16. and chap. 19, at Christ's second Coming.

This Seventh Chapter, and the beginning of the Eighth intimate by the Service of God, and the Silence, the peaceable Time of *Constantine* till the Coals were thrown from the Altar, and the seventh Seal introduced the Trumpets. The peaceable Time of the Empire was till *Theodosius's* Time, (395) before the *Northern* Invasions.

Constantine first established the free Exercise of the Christian Religion in the *Roman* Empire, and built Churches.

The *Jews* were first converted in the East, and represent the Eastern Church, and the *Gentiles* the Western, out of all Nations and Kingdoms ; and these were innumerable : All these had suffered in the Persecution, but now had some time of Liberty, under *Constantine*, and were safely removed, and rewarded in their separate State, as their white Robes intimate the Reward in that State : And this Vision assures us of this Happiness, that the Just are Sealed by the Holy Spirit, and receive some Reward, as soon as their Souls come into Paradise ; and by the glorious Robes of *Elias* and *Moses* at Christ's Transfiguration, the Apostles saw the glorious Garments given in that State.

Note, That the converted Jews are here distinguished from the converted Gentiles, and by Acts 21. v. 20, we find many Thousands of the Jews believed, and were zealous of the Law ; and the Apostles did not disapprove of their Circumcision, and walking after their Customs, because they directed St. Paul to observe their Law, v. 24. But the Gentile Converts they freed from it ; and when they return to their Country, the Jews will observe the same till their Conversion ; as Ezechiel has described in his Temple.

By the Edict of *Constantine*, the Pagan Temples were demolished, 332. He confirmed the *Nicene* Council 335, and many who had suffered in the late Persecutions, sat in this Council. The *Nicene* Creed is the most pure Rule of Faith for all succeeding Ages ; and since there was then a Liturgy, Bishops, and Presbyters, none ought to alter that Constitution in the Church. In this Chapter, and Chapter 11th, the whole History of the Eastern Church is related ; in the first is its prosperous Estate, in the last its Oppression by Antichrist.

C H A P. VIII.

The Vision of the four first Trumpets, representing the Invasion of the Western part of the Empire, and the ruin of it, by the Northern Nations.

THERE was Silence in Heaven for half an Hour, whilst the seven Angels received their Trumpets.

Then an Angel who stood at the Altar, offered the Prayers of the Saints with Incense, upon the Golden Altar, which stood before the Throne; then the Church had its Golden Altar, and Golden Censers, and other rich Ornaments at *Constantinople*, the Royal City, and the Angel might represent that Patriarch praying at the *Eucharist*, and the carrying of those Prayers by their Angel to God's Throne; but this State of the Church continued a small time, for the Angel threw the Coals of the Altar on the Earth. This may relate to the *Arian* Disputes, and the Persecutions raised by the Priests themselves; *Arius* being also a Priest: And this Heresie was punished by the *Northern Nations*, who were converted by *Arian* Bishops. These Differences occasioned great Seditions represented by Voices, and Thunders; and *A. D.* 369, there was a general Earthquake, which forced the Sea over the Shore, and it destroyed many People, and both Earthquakes and Inundations are Signs of Invasions, or Revolutions in the States of the *Roman Empire*, as Winds are of Wars. 372, *Nicea* was ruined by an Earthquake, and then *Valens*, an *Arian* Emperor persecuted the Orthodox.

The Silence and publick Worship of God described, represents a prosperous State of the Church, and the Service of God from *Constantine*, till *Theodosius*, *A. D.* 395.

The first Trumpet sounded, and there followed Hail and Fire, mixed with Blood. Hail is the Northern Nations, and that and Fire, and Water signifie Invasions to destroy a Country, *Isa.* 28. v. 21. Blood signifies great Slaughter; the Trees are Cities, the green Grains Villages.

A. D. 371. A Hail of extraordinary Bigness fell at *Constantinople*, and killed many, and the same fell, 404; and the *Goths* had possessed themselves of *Thrace*, by whom *Valens* was routed and burnt, *A. D. 378.*

377. Eighty Thousand of the *Burgundi* came down the *Rhine*.

378. The *Sauromatae* wasted *Pannonia*.

382. The *Longobards* came from the extream Parts of *Germany*, and the Island *Scandia*.

402. The *Goths* invaded *Italy*, under *Alaricus*, and took *Rome* 410, and *Italy* suffered 400 Years, till *Charles* the Great.

406. The *Vandals* invaded *France*.

412. The *Vandals*, *Alani*, *Suevi*, *Siluri*, and *Visigoths* invaded *Spain*, where the *Goths* and *Suevi* lived 411 Years.

428. The *Vandals* went from *Spain* into *Afric*, and founded a Kingdom, that lasted 105 Years.

434. *Carthage* was taken by *Genfericus*.

400. The *Franci* came out of *Germany*, and the Kingdom of the *Frankes* began *A. D. 420.*

442. The *Huns* invaded *Thrace*, and *Illyricum*.

447. About this time the *Saxons* came into *England*.

These Invasions are represented by the founding of the first Trumpet: These Nations came from the *Baltick Sea*; the *Huns* and *Alans* came from *Tartary*, and the *Goths* from *Scythia*, 300 Years before Christ, and settled in *Norway* and *Swedeland*. The *Picts* came from *Scythia*, and were exterminated by the *Scots* in the 9th Century.

The second Trumpet sounded, and as it were, a great Mountain was cast into the Sea, burning with Fire, the Sea became Blood, and the Ships were destroyed. *Carthage* was taken by the *Vandals*, or this represents the burning of *Rome*, under *Genferic* the *Vandal*, *A. D. 455.* He came with a great Fleet from *Afric*, pillaged the Houses and Temples 14 Days, and carried with him the Golden Vessels *Titus* brought from *Jerusalem*; and he killed the Emperor. In 440 *Genferic* invaded *Sicily*. 446 *Theodosius* fought with *Genferic* at Sea; and these Expeditions of the *Vandals* are here represented by the Ships.

The third Angel sounded; and there fell a great Star from Heaven upon the Rivers, and Fountains, burning as a Lamp; the Name of the Star is *Wormwood*, which made the Waters bitter, and killed Men.

452. *Attila*, with his *Huns* burnt many Cities in *Italy*; *Aquileia*, *Milan*, and then *Venice* was built by them that fled from him.

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Attila called himself *flagellum dei*, and he boasted that the Stars fell before him. *Attila* burnt the Midland of *Italy*, where the Rivers and Fountains rise. He slew very many, for which he is called *Wormwood*, as if he had poisoned their Waters. *Atius* slew many Thousand *Huns* in *France*; 162 Thousand were slain on both Sides.

The fourth Angel sounded, and the third Part of the Sun was smitten, and the third of the Moon, and the third of the Stars.

By the Pillaging of *Rome* by *Gensericus*, its Riches, and Majesty, and Power decayed.

A. D. 476. *Odoacer*, with his *Heruli* deposed *Augustulus*, the last Western Emperor, and then that Empire ceased for near 370 Years, till *Charles* the Great. *Odoacer* Reigned 16 Years, and was then Conquered by *Theodoric* the *Goth*, and the *Goths* possessed *Italy* 76 Years, and then *Justinian* Conquered the *Goths*, and set up the 453 *Exarchate* at *Ravenna*; and the *Lombards* possessed *Italy* 206 Years, till *Charles* the Great.

Totilas took *Rome*, burnt and pillaged it, and destroyed a third part of the Walls, but *Belisarius* soon recovered it. *Rome* is the Moon; the Stars are smaller Cities; the small time of its Desolation is the third part of the Day and Night. The *Goths* were called Kings, not Emperors; about the same time 541, the Consuls ceased to be made.

553. *Justinian* made *Italy* a Province of the *Roman Empire*.

568. *Narses* invited the *Lombards* into *Italy*. These Invasions in the *West* destroyed and divided the Western Empire, from the end of the fourth Century to the end of the sixth. The next Trumpet respects the Destruction of the Eastern Parts of the *Roman Empire*, and the Angel flying thro' the midst of Heaven (or the Empire) pronounces three Woes to the Inhabitants by the three other Trumpets sounding: The first is the *Saracens* in *Arabia*, and the second the *Turks* near *Euphrates*; the third the Kingdom of the two Beasts, chap. 13. making War with the Saints; for chap. 12. v. 12. 'tis said, *Woe to the Inhabitants of the Earth, and Sea, for the Devil is come down among you, having great Wrath*. These Wars affected both East and West. Ten Nations invaded the West, the *Ostrogoths*, the *Visigoths*, *Vandals*, *Lombards*, *Heruli*, *Burgundians*, *Huns*, *Frankes*, *Saxons*, *Alanes*. By these were erected ten Kingdoms in the West, or by some of them mentioned.

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Since the Angel used a Golden Censer, and offered on a Golden Altar his Incense, and Prayers of the Saints, we find that God approves of rich Ornaments in Churches, and has appointed Angels in all Churches, from whose Hand he will receive the Prayers of the Saints, assembled in Christian Congregations.

The Trumpets proclaim Wars, and these are given to the seven Angels before God's Throne; these Archangels therefore raise or destroy, and govern all Kingdoms, according to God's Decrees, and by these Decrees, and the Ministry of the Angels, we may be convinced, that God governs Mankind, and all Civil Affairs, by a particular Providence, and gives Notice by Thunders and Earthquakes, and Lightnings, and Voices (Weeping and unaccountable Noises.) Sometimes φωνη signifies Sounds, as the Voice of a Trumpet, 1 Cor. 14. ver. 7. and the sound of their Wings (Rev. 9. ver. 9.) is φωνη; and here Voices or Sounds signify the Contentions in the Church; and the Thunders and Earthquakes are Prodigies predicting Revolutions in the Government of Kingdoms. The Lightning and Thunders are in the Heavens, which signify the Governors Contentions, and the Earthquake the Changes in Kingdoms. Of these Things great Prodigies are Signs or Symbols.

The Angel who proclaims three Woes, flies thro' the midst of Heaven, that is the *Roman* Empire, to shew that they would afflict both the Eastern and Western Parts of it, and their Governors.

We here may observe, that 10 Horns, or Dominions, are raised in the Western Parts of the *Roman* Empire; and we find by chap. 17. that the 10 Horns will continue their Kingdoms till they have burnt the great Whore, *Rome*; and then they will assist the Western Emperor to do it. But the 10 Horns rose before the Western Emperor, who was set up by the Popedom; but both the Emperor and ten Kingdoms will continue till *Rome* is burnt; and we have seen all the Projects of *Charles* the 5th to conquer the Horns, and those of the *Spaniards*, and lately of the *French*, to make themselves Emperors, have been shamefully defeated by a wonderful Providence; and we have also of late seen the surprising Deliverance of the *German* Empire, out of the Attempts of the *Ottomans*, by signal Victories; and that Empire will stand to burn *Rome*, and revenge it self of her Injuries; and Dan. chap. 2. ver. 34. declares that the Stone smote the Image on his Feet, and brake them in peices, and the rest of the Image was then destroyed; and the Stone which smote the
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Image, became a great Mountain, and filled the whole Earth. By this Account we find that the present 10 Kingdoms will continue till Christ comes to destroy them; for *Dan. 7th* says, after the little Horn is destroyed, which he calls a Beast to be slain and burnt, *viz.* the rest of the Beasts had their Dominion taken away, but a prolonging of Life was given them for Time, and a Time, *vide the Septuagint*; that is all the present Governments will be subverted by Christ, and he will place the four Beasts in their rooms for 1000 Years, the Time and Times, (which is ill translated *Season* and *Time*) are the Time till the little Horn is destroyed, and the time of the Reign of the Saints. This is the Duration of the Beasts in Succession to one another, as Empires, or in small Kingdoms,

C H A P. IX.

The fifth and sixth Trumpets sounding, to represent the beginning of the Saracen and Turkish Empires.

UPON the sounding of the fifth Trumpet, a Star fell from Heaven; this is *Mahomet*, who pretended to be a Messenger, and Prophet sent from God, to force all Nations by his Arms to receive his new Religion. He contrived this by the help of the Devil, as if he had the Key of the bottomless Pit; his Followers would be condemned thither for denying Christ to be the Son of God; and this Doctrine could proceed from none but the Devil, and is the Smoak that rose out of it, and spread thro' all the East like Smoak, and his Followers are called Locusts, who had the Power of Scorpions. These Locusts abound in *Arabia*, and the Number of the *Mahomedans* are infinite like the Locusts, they were to rob and conquer *Arabia*; but they were commanded not to destroy the Grass, nor Trees, that is, not to destroy the Villages or Cities, but only those Men who had not the Seal of God in their Foreheads; that is, *Mahomet* commands them to persecute the *Heathens* and *Jews*, and not the *Christians*; they must not kill them, but torment them by Slavery and Oppression, as Tributaries. The five Months make 150 Years, in which time the *Saracen* Empire came to its height, and the *Mahomedans* reckon by Lunar Years, and the Computation of their Empire is by 42 Months. The Standard of the *Saracens* is the new Moon; and the *Turks* interpret *Mahomet's* Fable of dividing the Moon, as a Figure of the Division of the Professors of *Mahometanism* into two great Sects, and the reunion of them after a certain Period of Years. These may be Reasons of their reckoning by Months. The first Period of the *Saracen* History is from *Mahomet's* Birth till the ruin of the House of *Omniah* 132 *Hegira*, A. D. 750. Then that Empire was fully raised. The Shape of the Locusts are like Horses prepared to Battle, they had Crowns of Gold, and Faces of Men. The *Saracens* abounded in Horse,
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and wore on their Heads Turbants like Crowns; they were comely Men, had Hair long behind, like Women: By their Lions Teeth is signified their destructive Nature; their Sting in their Tail is their Religion, and Armies burning, and plundering, and the Angel of the bottomless Pit is the Devil or *Mahomet*, their King. A. D. 846, they came from *Afric*, burnt the Churches of *St. Peter* and *Paul*, but were Shipwrecked in their return by a Tempest. The *Saracens* invaded the Empire about the time when the Controversie about Images was; they first seated themselves at *Damascus*, after built *Bagdat*. A. D. 762. They conquered *Arabia* in 10 Years. *Mecca* is near the middle of the *Red Sea*, in *Arabia Felix*. *Tangrolopix* conquered them in *Persia*, and was installed Sultan at *Bagdat*, A. D. 1057, by the *Saracen Califfe*; at their first beginning is the *Saracens* War in *Arabia*, *Syria*, *Persia*, *Egypt*. It continues 150 Years.

Upon the sounding of the sixth Trumpet, the four Angels are loosed at *Euphrates*, that is four Generals of the *Turks*, who came to slay the third part of Men, in a Day, a Month, and Year, in which time (396 Years) the *Turkish* Empire came to its height, 1471; and then *Mahomet* the Great slew 800000 Men in his Life. The *Turks* were Horsemen, 200000. The *Turks* succeeded in the Empire and Religion of the *Saracens*, and are therefore described together in this Chapter, and so long as the Laws and Religion continue, we account it the same Kingdom; tho' Princes of different Lines, or Countries Govern. *Euphrates* was the ordinary Bounds of the *Roman* Empire.

Platina says the *Turks* left *Scythia*, A. D. 755. They conquered *Persia* 214 Years afterwards: They seized on *Armenia* major; called it *Turco-mannia*, 844; thence they were called into *Persia* by the *Saracens*, to assist their Sultan against the *Califfe* of *Babylon*, which they at last conquered, and kept it till the *Tartars* drove them thence. The *Turks* had continued near *Euphrates* from 755, 396 Years. 1051 they came over *Euphrates*. *Alexander* shut up the Straits of *Caucasus*, to hinder the Northern Nations from making Excursions; but the Emperor *Constantine* in the time of *Muhavias* opened it, and invited a People called *Mordaites* to help him against the *Saracens* 763, and the *Turks* made Excursions out of *Asiatic Scythia*, into *Armenia*, *Persia*, and *Asia* minor, with great Multitudes, and then returned home again.

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The Heads of the *Turkish* Horses were as Lions, and out of their Mouths issued Fire and Smoak, which signifies their Fire-Arms used in their Conquests, which killed the third part of Men, or Men fit for War; their Heads are their Arms, their Tail them that followed it to plunder.

This Plague was to punish those who worshipped Idols, that could not See, Hear, nor Walk, and those that did not repent of their Murders, nor of their Sorceries, nor Fornications, nor Thefts. Then the Christians worshipped Images of their Saints; and the *Turks* to this Day are scandalized at their Pictures in their Churches, and ever esteemed that Worship Idolatry; and when they took *Constantinople*, they called the Cross the Christians God, and carried it about in Contempt.

The Horse Tail is carried yet before the *Turkish* Army, because it always consisted most of Horsemen. Guns were discovered 1380, and brought to Perfection 1415, and with them they took *Constantinople* 1453.

The *Turks* were originally Inhabitants of *Turchestan*, from *Volgato* the extream East. The Mogul *Tartars* are beyond *Imaus*, above *China*. The Western *Tartars* on this side *Imaus*, are the Original of the *Turks* and *Crim-Tartars*, (*Crim* signifies a Ditch.) The *Turks* made Excursions from *Tanais*, and were imployed by *Heraclius* against *Persia*, but the greatest part came from beyond the River *Oxus*, and from *Turchestan*, above the *Caspian* Sea; the chief Seat whereof is *Sarnarchand*; and there they had many Kings before they were called into *Persia*; they came into *Chorasan*, a Country betwixt *India* and *Persia*, and ravaged some part of *Persia*, 625, and afterwarwards assisted *Persia* against the *Saracens*, 643. About 800, they made great Incurfions thro' the *Porta Caspica*, a strait betwixt the Mountains of *Persia* and *Armenia*, called the *Iron-Gate*: After they had possessed *Armenia*, some of them settled in *Caramania* in *Asia* minor, anciently called *Cilicia*: They were driven from *Chorasan* in *A. D.* 900, and great Numbers slain; but when they took *Ispahan*, 1050, they embraced *Mahometism*, and took *Bagdar*.

I collected this History to shew, that these are the Battles betwixt the Kings of the North and South, Dan. 11.

There is great Difference amongst Authors concerning the Year of *Mahomet's* Nativity. *Elmacinus* places it at 571; *Erpenius* 580; *Gerzebt* 600; *Joh. Andreas* and *Kestelus* in 620. This Incertainty will make all Computation of his *Hegira*, when he began to Reign, various; and the time of

of the beginning and ending of the 1260 Years of Antichrist mistaken, as to a small Number of Years; and the same Incertainty there is about the Nativity of our Saviour, which will make the Computation of the treading down of *Jerusalem* uncertain.

We may observe, that the Worship of Saints and Angels, as well as Murders and Thefts were the Reason for which our Saviour brought the two Woes on the Eastern Church; and for Idolatry and wicked Lives, the *Jews* were sent into Captivity; and the same Sins were the Reasons of making the Western Church to be persecuted both by *Saracens* and *Turks*, and the Northern Invasions; which is driving her into a desolate Wilderness, and subjecting the Whore, chap. 17. to many Wars with Christian Emperors and other Princes, who now begin to hate her; and in this, or the next Century, will burn her; which her Idolatry, Cruelty, and Wickedness will deserve.

It was always the Method Providence used either to punish the *Jews* by the *Babylonians* from the North, or the *Egyptians* from the South; and he makes use of the same manner of punishing the Eastern and Western Churches, by the *Saracens* and *Turks*; they will continue a Scourge to both, till near the time of Christ's second Coming, and so long also the *Jews* will remain in Captivity; and nothing but intestine Wars, and Confusion thro' *Asia* and *Europe* can deliver the *Jews* and Christians from the present Oppressions and Cruelty, to a free Exercise of their Religion. All that time and before, the third part of Mankind will be slain, as this Prophecy intimates; and a greater Number is mentioned in *Zach. 13th*, two parts, ver. 8th. The *Turks* since the taking of *Constantinople* have made many Invasions on the Western Empire, and two Sieges of *Vienna*; so that in *Asia*, *Greece*, and *Hungary*, and what will happen at last in *Jerusalem*, we may reckon they have slain the third part of Mankind; and this is only predicted of them in this Prophecy, and not any other particular Slaughters or Battles; and this Empire is the 4th Horse on whom Death sate, and Hell followed him, and he had Power over the 4th part of the Earth; to kill with Sword by Wars, and Hunger in Sieges, or Arbitrary Executions, and the wild Beasts occasioned by great Desolations. The fourth part of the Earth is the Western part of the *Constantinopolitan* Empire, *Asia* minor, *Thrace*, *Greece*, *Moldavia*, *Walachia*, *Transylvania*, *Hungary*, &c. He was to conquer three of the Horns in the Western parts near *Constantinople*, *Bulgaria*,

garia, Servia, Hungary: But to go no farther upon the rest of the Horns, nor Western Empire, because that must burn Rome. chap. 16. ver. 6. farther represents the Ottoman Cruelty; For they have shed the Blood of Saints and Prophets, (that is, Preachers of the Gospel, the two Witnesses are said to Prophecy) And thou hast given them Blood to drink, for they are Worthy.

C H A P. X.

The Vision of the little open Book.

A Mighty Angel comes down from Heaven, his Face is as the Sun, his Feet Pillars of Fire. This is his Glory: In his Hand was a little Book open; he set his right Foot on the Sea, or Western part of the Empire, and the left on the Earth, the Eastern parts. Christ is here represented, because he unsealed all the Book, and delivered the Prophecies to St. *John*, by his Angel, *chap. 1.* Therefore here this Angel represents Christ. 'Tis called a little Book, because the former Visions were writ on Rolls which were taken from it: He cried like a Lion, and then the seven Thunders uttered their Voices, which St. *John* is forbid to write. These must be some Calamities which beset the *Roman* Empire during the rise of the *Saracen* Empire. Such may be the taking of *Jerusalem* by *Cosroe*, or *Omar*, with the great Slaughter of the Inhabitants. The Destruction of *Alexandria* and *Antioch* by the *Saracens*; the Conquests of *Syria*, *Egypt*, and many Islands by them. The roaring of the Lion expresses Christ's Anger, and the Angel declares, that Time shall be no longer than the Days of the seventh Trumpet; the Mysteries of God should be finished, which are expressed in the *11th* Chapter.

St. *John* has more Prophecies given him, by eating the Book, which was done likewise by *Ezekiel*. The Calamities make the knowing of the Events bitter, but the Promise of giving the Kingdom to the Saints, sweet. The following Prophecies concern many Nations and Kingdoms, and not only the Church, as many misunderstand them. The Kingdom and Wars of Antichrist are plainly described, and his Possession of *Jerusalem* 42 Months. This little Book contains the Rise and Ruin of the *Mahomedan* Antichristian Kingdom, till the *Millennium*, as well as the Destruction of the Whore, and the Return of the *Jews* to build *Jerusalem*; and the Rise of the Popedom in the West. The Time relates to the Duration of the *Roman* Empire and Antichrist, who must Reign a Time, Times, and half a Time.

'Tis expressed ill when the seventh Trumpet shall begin to sound ; it ought to be when it shall sound hereafter.

Note, *The Angel here Swears by the Creator, Jesus Christ, and he was only a Messenger from him, sent to represent him. Nothing in the 10th Chapter can relate to the Reformation ; the Woman was not then in the Wilderiness.*

Dan. chap. 12. ver. 7. The Angel Swears by him that liveth for ever, when he was asked how long it shall be to the end of these Wonders, *That it shall be for a Time, Times, and a half.* And this is the Computation of Antichrist's Reign, *chap. 11th.*

Since the Angels do solemnly Swear, both in *Daniel* and *St. John's* Prophecy, we may be convinced, that an Oath by him that created all Things to confirm a Truth, is not unlawful.

Since the first particular Prophecy *St. John* mentions in this little Book, relates to the *Turks* and *Saracens* Possession of *Jerusalem*, 'tis plain the Prophet goes on with the History of the *Mahomedan* Empire, begun in *chap. 9th* ; and he mentions the Beast that rose out of the bottomless Pit, and kills the two Witnesses. Thence I conclude, that this little Book was part of the sealed Book, since the open Book continues the History of the sealed one. And this Angel appears to give him the remaining Prophecies, and to tell him when all the Mysteries (discovered to the old Prophet) should be fulfilled, during the sounding of the seventh Trumpet, which will continue till the Gentiles are converted, Antichrist is destroyed, the Jews Return, the Dead are raised, and rewarded in Christ's Reign in the *Millennium*. In *chap. 8.* the three Woes that are to come, are proclaimed ; and *chap. 11.* (which is part of the little Book) says, the second Woe is ended : And by this Observation we find that both Books contain the same History. And the second Woe begins *chap. 9.* when the *Turks* come over *Euphrates* ; and that second Woe must slay the two Witnesses before it ends. Thus the sealed and open Book agree in the History of the *Turks* ; and the Design of this Angels Appearance was to shew when all Prophecies would end, and be fulfilled, as the Angel, *Dan. 12.* did signify by his Oath. The rolling up of the Books is mentioned *chap. 6. ver. 14.* 'Tis in *Greek* *Βιβλίον*, which is ill translated a *Scrawl* ; and if some Rolls of it be taken off, 'tis a small Book, as is here mentioned.

C H A P. XI.

The Vision of the Oppression of Jerusalem and the Eastern Churches, 42 Months ; that is by the Mahomedans, who will slay the two Witnesses.

THE Mahomedan Heads of the Roman Empire in the East, now begin to possess Jerusalem, but Omar, when he took it, gave the Christians the Temple built on the Sepulchre, and it has continued to this Day, being often repaired by them. This Church represents all the State of the Eastern Churches, under the Mahomedans ; but the outward Court must be left to the Gentiles, that is, they shall have the Civil Dominion of those Countries 1260 *Hegiras* ; they reckon their time by Lunar Years. So we find Jerusalem has been in the Hands of the Mahomedans ever since Omar took it, excepting 90 Years in the Holy Wars the Christians possessed it. Omar built a Mosque in the Place where Solomon's Temple stood. If we add 1260 prophetic Days or Years, which the 42 Months make, the Mahomedans must continue till 1898 : This Computation must be made from the taking Jerusalem ; but Authors differ about the Year. The Siege lasted two Years, and some say it was taken 638 ; but the Ottoman Empire will begin to fall A. D. 1882. (if we add 1260 to the *Hegira* 622) and the Jews will return and possess it till 1898, when it will be besieged by Gog a second time.

The two Witnesses are two Candlesticks, who must prophecy 1260 Days, clothed in Sackcloth, that is, continue in subjection so many Julian Years, from the time they were conquered, after Jerusalem was taken, that is from 641. The Fate of Jerusalem being described, this also of Alexandria and Antioch, and their subjection, must end after 1260 Years, that is A. D. 1901.

The two Witnesses cannot be Men, since they must continue so many Years. The seven Candlesticks are seven Churches, *Rev.* chap. i. And these two must be Patriarchal Churches.

They have Power to slay their Enemies, when the *Mahomedan* Empire begins to fall, by the Plagues mentioned chap. 16. because they have Power to smite the Earth with all Plagues : and one of the Beasts delivered the Vials to the seven Angels ; the Governors of the Churches may be called so, as well as those in Heaven.

The Patriarchal Seat at *Antioch* is now translated to *Damascus*, to which the *Syrians* are subject. *Antioch* has now 60 Houses, with a small Church, but that Patriarchate contained 340 Churches.

From *Alexandria* the Patriarchal Seat is translated to *Grand Cairo*, and there are but three Christian Churches in either of them ; but to this Seat belong *Africa*, *Arabia*, *Nubia*, *Ethiopia*, and *Habassia*.

Jerusalem was no Patriarchate till the Council of *Chalcedon*, 451, but depended on *Antioch*, and therefore is not reckoned as one of the two Witnesses.

The *Greek Church* now pays Obedience to the Patriarch of *Constantinople*, under whose Jurisdiction are the Churches of *Anatolia*, *Circassia*, *Mengrelia* ; and in Europe, *Thrace*, *Macedon*, *Epirus*, *Bulgaria*, *Servia*, *Bosnia*, *Walachia*, *Moldavia*, *Podolia*, and *Moscovia* formerly, and those of the Islands in the *Ægean Sea* ; some of *Poland*, *Dalmatia*, and *Croatia*, which are subject to the *Turks*. Thus we may see that the Regions subject to the *Greek Church*, equal those of the *Latin Church* : And this Chapter relates to them who have been 1000 Years under the *Mahomedans*.

The *Greeks* have these Errors : They have Pictures in their Churches of the Virgin and St. *George*, and Kifs them ; they worship Saints and Angels with Lamps, Incense, and Prayers, and have Legends of Miracles.

Presently after *Julian's* Death, Reliques began to be worshipped, and Prayers made at Sepulchres ; and the Monks were Authors of these Superstitions. About 720 was the Controversy about Worship of Images ; it lasted 120 Years ; and for this Idolatry, the *Greek Church* suffers under the *Mahomedans*, but they were always Govern'd by their own Patriarchs, and denied the Pope's Supremacy : They believe no Purgatory ; they use the Sacrament in both Kinds, do not Worship it, or believe Transubstantiation. They Baptize by Immersion, ordain married Persons, and reject Statues of Saints, eat not Things strangled, and Blood ; esteem the *Roman Church* Schismatical, and their Patriarchs are independent on one another. The Patriarch of the *Nestorians* is at *Muzall*, or *Nineve* : The *Jacobites* have their Patriarch at *Amida* in *Mesopotamia*.
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I have Collected this History to shew, That the two great Patriarchs of the *Greek Church* now reside at *Constantinople*, and *Grand Cairo*; and these may now be the two Witnesses who are to be Slain by the Beast, who, *ch. 9.* ascended out of the bottomless Pit in Smoak. The Witnesses will be killed in these three Cities; the great City *Constantinople*, call'd *Sodom* for its Fornication, and in *Aegypt*, that is *Grand Cairo*; where also, must be taken for another City, that is *Jerusalem*, where our Lord was crucified. This seems to be the last War mentioned *14 Zach.* when *Jerusalem* is taken by *Gog*, and Christ immediately comes to stand on Mount *Sion*. This Cruelty will last three Days and an half, not three Years. Thus the Suffering under *Antiochus* is reckon'd by Days; and this Number of Days the Witnesses may lie dead in the Street, during which time the *Mahomedans* will rejoyce, and send Presents to one another in Token of their Conquests; but after the Witnesses were raised from the Dead, and called into Heaven, they were afraid, and 7000 of the *Mahomedans* are Slain by the Earthquake that is mention'd in *Zach. 14.* And in the *16th* of the *Revelations*, the tenth part of the City fell, this is at *Constantinople*, the Seat of the *Mahomedan* Empire. This will Convert many, and then Christ comes to Reign, before which the second Woe in the East will not be passed away; and the third will come quickly, *ch. 12th* and *13th*. The Seventh Trumpet is that time to be Sounding, after all the Events above described; and therefore must Sound after all Nations are converted, and the fulness of the *Gentiles* come in; and then he will Reign in the *Millennium*, and his Saints worship him; but the Antichristian Nation make War with the Saints, and they are destroyed by Christ's second Coming, who destroyed the Earth; the Dead are raised, and rewarded. The opening the Temple in Heaven, and the Appearance of the Ark of the Testament shews, that the *Jews* are to be in the Christian Church; when Christ comes to Reign on the Earth, the Thunders, and Earthquake, and Hail destroy the *Mahomedans*, and are mention'd in the *16th* of the *Revelations*.

The two Witnesses cannot be *Luther* and *Calvin*, who were never at *Jerusalem*. *Ver. 14.* says, the second Woe is past; and since the beginning of the second Woe is the Rise of the *Ottoman* Empire, all things mention'd in the *11th chap.* belong to the *Turks*, especially the slaying the two Witnesses; and till that is done, the second Woe is not past.

42 Months, at 29 Days in the Month, amount to 1218 Years: This is the Duration of 1260 *Hegiras*; the Anti-christian Kingdom.

All that relates to the seventh Trumpet, is to shew when it will End, *v. 12.* in the beginning of the *Millennium*; when all the Prophecies are fulfilled. But the beginning of the Sounding of the seventh Trumpet, is plainly intimated *ch. 12. v. 12.* *Woe to the Inhabitants of the Earth, and Sea,* that is both Parts of the Empire, *for the Devil is come down unto you, having great Wrath.* In *ch. 8. v. 13.* three Woes are threatned to the Inhabitants of the Earth, by the three Trumpets. And *ch. 11. v. 14.* 'tis said, after the second Woe is related, that the third Woe cometh, and this must relate to the Church in the West; and therefore is mentioned, *ch. 12.* where that Church, and its State under the Woman is described; and the State is called a Wilderness, made by the Beast *ch. 13th,* and all the rest of the Prophecies relate to his Destruction, and that of the Whore; so that the Sound of the seventh Trumpet continues till the *Millennium*: And he begins in the eighth Century, when the first Beast appeared in the *Roman* Empire, in its great Power, and highest Prosperity; but the several Parts of that Beast rose by degrees, and are described in the preceding Chapters, and the Popedom rose under the seventh Trumpet; and since every Trumpet produced a crowned Head, the seventh must produce the Popedom, because the Beast, *ch. 13.* has seven crowned Heads, which then possessed the seven Horns, being Dominions under the seven Heads.

The Measuring of the Temple and the Altar, represents a Church, and the Worship in it, but there will be no distinct inward Court for the *Jews*, but both *Jews* and *Gentiles* Worship in the same outward Court; the Partition-Wall being taken away by Christ, and by the Destruction of *Jerusalem*: After the 42 Months the *Jews* will return to their City, and then the Temple will be Built, and the Ark seen in it, *v. 19.*

C H A P. XII.

The Vision of the Woman Crowned with twelve Stars, and her flying into the Wilderness.

THIS Vision represents the Beginning of the Popedom. This Woman would have been no Sign or Wonder, if the true Church had been represented by this Symbol, it having been constituted 600 Years before the *Saracens* and *Turks* rose in the East; and before the Northern Invasion; the Account of the Eastern Church begins from the taking *Jerusalem*; the Account of the Western Church from the Pope's being made universal Bishop; and this Claim is clearly represented by the Crown of twelve Stars, for the twelve Apostles Power in spiritual Affairs: She is clothed with the Sun, that is a Royal Authority, and the Moon is the Royal City *Rome*, under her feet, subject to her Authority. In *ch. 8*, when the fourth Angel sounded, the third part of the Sun and Moon was smitten, that is the Emperor and City of *Rome*: Because *Rome* was the Imperial City, the Pope had a Primacy given him by the Canons of Councils; but he here claims from the Apostles, or Christ, his Supremacy. So she is clothed in Scarlet, a Token of Royalty; the Seat of her Kingdom is *Rome*. *St. John* saw the Whore in the Wilderness, as well as the Woman, *ch. 12*. therefore both these are an Account of the Western Church, from the time of the Popedom's assuming the Title of Universal Bishop, and a Spiritual Kingdom; and *St. John* wondred both at the Woman, and the Whore.

Upon this Occasion, he represents her first pure State; she at first brought forth a Man-Child, whom the Dragon persecuted by ten Heathen Emperors. This Child is the Western Christians till *Constantine*, and other Christian Emperors; but they being removed into Paradise, the Woman was drove into the Wilderness, after this Spiritual Kingdom began to claim a Supremacy, as Christ's Vicar.

The red Dragon is the Devil; the ten Horns his Heathen Emperors, seven Heads the Imperial Seat at *Rome*. Of those Persecutors, the Stars are the martyr'd Bishops cast to the Earth by the Devil. But these shall Reign in the

Millennium with a Rod of Iron. These Persecutions lasted at *Rome* 300 Years ; and the Devil was the Author of them, and of all the following Wars.

The Woman fled into the Wilderness, that is, lived in a desolated Country, by the Wars of the Northern Nations, and those of the *Lombards*, and afterwards by those of the *Saracens*, and after these, by the Armies of the *Spaniards*, *Germans* and *French*, and the Princes of *Italy*.

To this Wilderness she is first condemned by God, as a Place prepared for her Subsistence and Punishment, for assuming the Supremacy over all Churches; but in this Wilderness she is farther corrupted by worshipping Reliques, Images, Crosses, &c. and will be as a Whore for this Fornication.

606. Pope *Boniface* the Third had this Supremacy given him by *Phocas*, who Usurped the *Constantinopolitan* Empire, the Western being then Extinct ; and the Pope got the Government of *Rome*, *A. D.* 589. The *Constantinopolitan* Bishop affected the same Title, but Pope *Gregory* opposed it by his Decree ; in which he declared him a Fore-runner of Antichrist, who assumed that Title.

A. D. 617. *Boniface* made the Church a Sanctuary for Criminals, and none could be taken thence under Pain of Excommunication.

629. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross was introduced in the Time of *Heraclius*.

642. The blessing of *Wax-candles* the *Saturday* before *Easter*.

646. Pope *Vitalianus* brought in the *Latin Service*.

684. The Emperor forgave the Pope the Money he used to pay him for his Confirmation, but the *French* and *German* Emperors in the following Ages, claimed the Power of confirming his Election, before his Consecration.

705. Pope *John* first order'd Images to be set up in Churches, which had been privately used before.

725. *Leo Isaurus* called a Council to condemn the Worship of Images, and the Intercession of the Virgin and Saints, and the Adoration of Reliques, as Idolatry ; and in this Council at *Constantinople* were 338 Bishops. And in *A. D.* 790. the Council at *Frankfort* condemned the same, and the Synod at *Paris* did the same. This Controversy lasted under five Emperors.

731. *Gregory* excommunicated *Leo*, in defence of Image-Worship, and he forbade the *Italians* to Pay any Tribute to the Emperor.

752. *Stephen* defended Image-Worship, and he was drove out of *Italy* by the *Lombards*, into *France*, where he excited

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Pipin to Conquer the *Lombards*; and after he had beat them, he gave the Pope the Exarchate of *Ravenna*, with the Neighbouring Countries which belonged to the Eastern Emperors.

772. *Adrian* was relieved by *Charlemagne*, against *Desiderius* the *Lombard*, and he admitted of *Charlemagne's* Power to confirm his Election, and *Charlemagne* confirm'd *Pipin's* Gift to the Pope.

795. *Leo* the Third, being Pope, crowned *Charlemagne* Emperor of the West; and thus the Papacy was raised into a Spiritual Kingdom, First, by the Eastern Emperor *Phocas*, who killed his Predecessor, and courted the Pope's Friendship: But the Pope had his Revenge and Defence from the *French* and *German* Emperors, whom he made Emperors of the West; and that is represented *ch.* 17. And therefore since the Eastern Church was oppressed for its Idolatry in worshipping of Saints, the Western is persecuted by Wars for the same Idolatry and Tyranny over other Churches. And these considerable Changes of the Western Church could not be passed over without *St. John's* calling it a Wonder: And since the Pope is now become a Prince, in his Ecclesiastick State, he is now one of the seven Heads of the Beast in the next Chapter, for he rules by Forces, as a Temporal Prince, and by his Spiritual Power he gives all Kings their Crowns, or else forbids their Subjects to obey them, by his Excommunication. All Persons prostrate themselves at the Pope's Feet, and worship him as an Emperor; and the Pope is Crowned and Anointed as Kings, and his Spiritual upholds his Temporal Power.

Michael fought with the Dragon, by setting up Christian Emperors, and hindring his Persecutions.

The Woman fled into the Wilderness, before this War with the Dragon, which was in *Julian's* Days; but the first time of her Flying was in *Constantius's* Days, 1260 Days, that is three Years and a half, under the *Arian* Persecution at *Rome*, from the Council at *Milan*, and the Banishment of *Liberius* to *Beræa* in *Thrace*, which lasted about three Years; he, and many other Bishops were banished by *Constantius*, because they rejected the *Arian* Doctrine, and embraced the *Nicene*, and defended *Athanasius*; and *Socrates* says this of that Time, *Ea tempestate fuit facies Ecclesiæ fœda, & admodum turpis, non enim sicut prius ab externis, sed à propriis vastabatur*; and when *Liberius* returned, *Ab ea die fuit persecutio maxima, ita ut intra Ecclesiam Presbyteri & Clerici multi necabantur*, (*Vid. Decretum Liberii.*) These Persecutions lasted from 355, to 358, or to that of *Arimine* and *Seleucia* 359. The

The War in Heaven was *Julian's* Struggle to reinstate Heathenism in the Empire; the Philosophers, Magi, and Heathen Priests, were his Angels, who opposed the Bishops; he consulted the Oracles, and slew them who had destroyed the Images; he banish'd many, and design'd, after his *Perfian* War, to extirpate the *Galileans*, but this was prevented by his Death, and Thunder fell on *Apollo's* Temple, and burnt the Idol in it. No Heathen Emperor succeeded him, no Place was found for the Dragon in Heaven, that is, in that Empire Paganism had its deadly Blow under *Theodosius* the Great, 394. by the Defeat of *Arbogastes* and *Eugenius*.

The Rejoycing of the Christians, is the Joy in Heaven upon the Death of *Julian*, who now were deliver'd from the false Accusation of the Heathens for having a Design to ruin the *Roman* Empire, as their Prophecies foretold; and that the Christians committed Adulteries in their Meetings, and did eat a Child. These Christians suffered for their adhering to their Faith.

The Devil now comes to afflict the Sea and Earth, both Parts, East and West; because he knows he has but a short Time: And he therefore raises a second Persecution against the Woman. And this may be the third Woe which is threaten'd in the former Chapters.

To the Woman was given two Wings of an Eagle, to fly into the Wilderness unto her place (*Rome*) where she is to be nourished for a Time, Times, and half a Time, from the Face of the Serpent, that is his Destruction of her; but he may persecute her with Wars; and the Serpent cast out after her a Flood, that is, many People in the *Lombards* Wars, and them that follow'd, but the Earth swallowed it up; that is, all the Invaders were Conquered: The *Vandals* by *Belisarius*, the *Goths* by *Narses*, and the *Lombards* by the *Franks*.

We must make the Computation of the Woman's Reign, from the Rise of the Popedom 606; to which add 1260, and the Account of all Kingdoms is from their first King, and no Emperors have lived at *Rome*, since the Beginning of the Papacy. The Pope could not have *Rome* under his Feet till *Odoacer* had destroyed *Augustulus*, and the *Goths* were destroy'd. As the *Israelites* were kept in the Wilderness, for their Sins, so will the Western Church 1260 Years, for its corrupt Worship, but yet they acknowledge the true Faith, and are persecuted by Wars, which make *Italy* desolate. And frequent Schisms have happen'd by the Popes Elections, and the Popes removing to *Avignon*,
helped

helped that Desolation: And more Wars must happen in *Italy*, when the Whore is destroyed by the hatred of the Beast and ten Horns.

'Tis not probable, that the Rise of the ten Horns in the West should be described in these Prophecies, and nothing said of the Rise of the Popedom, who rides the Scarlet Beast, and them. Therefore in this Chapter the Rise of the Popedom is proclaimed; which is the seventh Head in the Beast with ten Horns. And if this belongs to the seventh Trumpet, then the Rise of the Papacy, and its Persecutions for its Testimony of Jesus, is the Beginning of the third Woe, and that lasts to the *Millennium*, as is described in *ch. 2.* concerning the Eastern Churches. If the time of the Woman and Whore is not computed in this Chapter to 1866, there is no other in the *Revelations* of their being in the Wilderness, which is twice mention'd in this Chapter. The first time belongs to a particular Persecution; the last is the Continuance of the Popedom in a desolated Country by Wars.

Tho' the Governing Priests of *Rome* were corrupted, yet many of the Seed of the Woman might keep the Commandments of God; and have the Testimony of Jesus joyned to a corrupt Worship. And we allow that the Papacy and *Greek Church* retain the Fundamentals of Christianity, tho' they worship Saints, and Angels, and in the West submit to the Pope's Supremacy.

The Devil is represented as a Dragon, that is an old Serpent, because of his Subtilty and Mischief: His chief Seat is at *Rome*, where the Royal Seat of the Empire was. He there raised ten Persecutions by the ten Horns, Pagan Emperors; he raised a Schism betwixt the *Arians* and Orthodox, in *Constantius's* Time, a Christian Emperor. In *Julian's* Time, he disputed with the Angel *Michael*, who opposed Paganism; and when he had lost the Power of the Emperors, he set up the Popedom at *Rome*; and gave her Imperial Power over the ten Horns, intimated by the two Wings of an Eagle, the Ensign of the Emperors; but because many in her Communion retain the Fundamentals of Christianity, he Persecutes her by Wars; and we find 'tis the usual Practice of the Devil to tempt Mankind to Sin, that he may have liberty to destroy them; as it happen'd in *Judas*, who betray'd his Master, and hang'd himself, by the Temptation of Satan: And since the *Greek Church* is corrupted by Idolatry as well as the *Latin*, both are oppressed by the Devil's Subtilty. Antichrist domineers

neers in the East, as much as the Popedom in the West; and Wars make both desolate. The Patience of the Righteous is tried by such Afflictions; but the Wicked are Punished and Destroyed, after they have had a small Time of Prosperity.

The red Dragon may represent the *Roman* Empire, with ten Kingdoms, or Horns, Dominions, or Nations; and seven Crowns on seven Heads: These cannot be the seven Hills at *Rome*, but the seven Heads of the Beast, in the next Chapter, because they are crowned Heads in the Dragon, and the seven crowned Heads are raised by the seven Trumpets, to be the Royal Cities of seven Princes; *Isaiah*, ch. vii. v. 8, 9. Head is taken for the royal City, and the Prince: And *Rev.* 17. the seven Heads are seven Hills, the Seat of the Whore. Then these were the several Princes, with their Royal Cities. 1. The Emperor at *Constantinople*. 2. The *Saracen* at *Bagdat*. 3. The *Turks* at *Ispahan*. These three Heads Crowned, were in the East, being *Esdra's* three Heads of the Eagle: And in the West, the Popedom at *Rome*, the *Lombards* at *Ravenna*, the *Franks* in *France*, the *Moors* or *Visigoths* in *Spain*. These are the principal crowned Heads. The ten Horns are Provinces, under divers smaller Princes, or Dominions; divided as the Heptarchy in *England*.

C H A P. XIII.

This is the Vision of the Beast, and ten Horns Crowned, and represents the whole Roman Empire, as it was changed by the seven Trumpets; and the second Beast, with two Horns, the Ottoman Empire.

ST. John saw a Beast rise out of the Sea, that is, a Multitude of People; so *Daniel's* four Beasts, and *Esdra's* Eagle, rose out of the Sea. The seven Trumpets raised seven Kingdoms, or Heads; and out of these sprang the ten Horns in the West, which were altered in several Ages, and this State of the Empire was before the Western Emperors rose, whose Rise is described in the 17th Chapter, The present ten Kingdoms are, 1. *France*. 2. *Spain*. 3. *England*. 4. *Portugal*. 5. *Poland*. 6. *Denmark*. 7. *Sweden*. 8. *Prussia*. 9. *Sicily*. 10. *Hungary*, now in the Emperor, who is crown'd as King of it. But he is none of the Horns, but the Beast that carries them in the West. *Scotland* was formerly a Horn, and so was *Bulgaria*, *Servia*, *Epirus*, *Afric*, and *Italy*: But *Portugal*, *Poland*, *Denmark*, were no Kingdoms in the ninth Century, when this Beast appeared.

The Leopard is the *Constantinopolitan* Empire, who then possessed *Greece*; and by that Beast *Daniel* describes that Empire. The Mouth of the Lion are the *Saracens* then at *Babylon* or *Bagdat*: The *Babylonian* Empire being described by the Lion, the Feet of the Bear are some of the *Turks* in *Persia*; that Kingdom being represented by a Bear in *Daniel*.

The Commonwealths and Dukes are not reckoned; and some of our present Kingdoms were not in Being then. The *Constantinopolitan* Emperors, and the *Saracens*, and *Turks*, are the three Heads of the Eagle, which *Esdra* calls three Kingdoms, who shall have Dominion of the Earth in the last Days. These then possessed the East, and the four Heads the West, with their ten Horns or ten Dominions, which

which Horns signifie. One of the seven Heads was wounded, but was again healed, and the World admired that Beast, that is the Lion. The *Saracens* were the first Head that was wounded, of all the Seven raised by the Trumpets; this Head was almost destroyed by the Siege of *Constantinople* 720, but afterwards it recover'd its Power. They worshipped the Dragon, who gave Power to the Beast. They embraced *Mahomet's* Doctrine and Empire, which the Dragon had set up by force of Arms. And to engage in Maintenance of a False Religion, is to serve him who invented it.

They spoke Blasphemies against Christ, and made War with the Saints. The *Saracens* conquer'd the East, and a great Part of the West, *Spain*, *Afric*, and many Islands, and some of *Italy* and *France*. This is the little Horn in *Daniel*, who spake great Things, and made War with the Saints; but *Mahomet* commands his Followers to destroy Images; for the which Fault in the Christians, God permitted these Wars: 600 Thousand Christians were Slain under *Abu-Muslemas*, and under the President of *Irackes* 120 Thousand, 50 Thousand Men, and 30 Thousand Women died in Prison: And the same President *Hagiaghini* slew 80 Thousand when he was Drunk.

Asama, the President of *Aegypt*, signed the Monks with an Iron Ring, and cut off the Hands of those who appeared without this Mark.

In the Eighth Century, the Power of the *Saracens* was divided into two Families; the *Omniada*, and the *Abasside*. In the Ninth Century, the *Saracens* were addicted to Pilgrimages, Preaching, Praying, and building of Mosques; and Studied Astronomy, Physick, and Poetry. In the Tenth Century, the *Saracens* Empire was much divided; and that weaken'd their Caliph's Power. *Rev. ch. 9th*, contains the History of the *Saracens* for 150 Years, and this thirteenth Chapter contains their Wars, and Invasions of the West; and the 14th the Fall of their Empire; they had Power given them over all Kindreds, Tongues and Nations; and all that dwell on the Earth shall worship him; that is, the *Persian*, *Indian*, *Assyrian*, and *Tartarian* Kingdoms would become *Mahomedans*, (whose Names are not writ in the Book of Life, from the Beginning of the World, as the Christians, who live and believe well, are.) And this Consideration must give Patience to the Suffering Christians: The *Saracens*, who led them Captive, shall go into Captivity, and be killed by

the Sword of the *Turks*, *Christians* and *Tartars*, v. 10. after 700 Years, which time the *Saracen* Empire lasted till the *Ottoman* began, A. D. 1300; and *Esdra's* great Head died, which is the *Saracens*; and afterwards the *Turks* slew the *Constantinopolitan* Emperor, and conquered *Greece*, which is called the *Vintage*, 1453, and after that time conquered many Countries in *Europe*.

The second Beast rose out of the Earth, or Eastern Parts of the *Roman* Empire, *Persia*, and *Armenia*: He had two Horns; he spoke like a Dragon, professed the same Religion and Tyranny as the *Saracens*; and his two Horns are the Union of the *Saracen* and *Ottoman* Empires, and he exerciseth all the Power of the first Beast, because he succeeded in his Kingdom; and causeth all to Worship his Religion, or Prophet *Mahomet*. This first Beast is described by his wounded Head, and is the Lion, that is the *Saracen* Empire. And this *Turkish* Empire is an exact Image of the *Saracens* Power and Religion. The Life, and speaking of this Image is the Exercise of the same Tyranny, and the killing of them that would not submit to it. The Wonders that he did, was the Conquest of *Constantinople* by Guns, and the slaying the Emperor, and then the *Turkish* Empire came to its Height by the Conquests of *Mahomet* the Great. chap. 9. v. 17. 'tis said of the *Turkish* Horses, Out of their Mouths issued Fire, Smoak, and Brimstone; which are Symbols of Fire-Arms, and then Bombs were invented by *Mahomet* the Great, as *Chalcondylas* affirms; or this may relate to *Mahomet's* making Fire come down from Heaven in his *Alcoran*; but it seems most probably to relate to the false Prophet, whom the *Mahomedans* expect, *Muhdi*, who, *Revelations* the 19th, v. 20. is called a false Prophet, who does Miracles before the Beast, by which he deceives them who receive the Character of the Beast, and worship his Image. 'Tis this false Prophet that makes Fire come from Heaven, to deceive Men that have the Character of the Beast. This is the professing, at Circumcision, that *Mahomet* is a Prophet sent from God; and then they hold up the Thumb of the right Hand, and wear a Turbant on their Heads: The Name of the Beast is a *Muselman*, or true Believer; and the Number of his Name represents a Subject, a Disciple of *Mahomet*, whose *Hegira* was 622, when his Empire began, and if we add 44, when *Julius Caesar* mended the Calendar, the beginning of *Mahomet's* Kingdom was 666; and thus we may find *Mahomet's* Name in the beginning of the *Saracen* Empire, which he raised by his Arms, and

and pretended Miracles ; and no other Account was in the *Roman Empire*, but the *Julian Year*, when *Mahomet* rose : There is no Computation of the Time of this second Beast, because he is comprehended in that of the first's Empire ; or else we may suppose that 666 is the time of the Duration of the *Turkish Empire*, which may be added to the Year that they came over *Euphrates*, and settled in *Asia* 1075, or to the beginning of the *Ottoman Empire* 1280 ; the first makes 1741, the last 1946, neither so probable as the Inclusion of both *Saracen* and *Ottoman* Empires in the time of 42 Months.

666 May be the Name of *Mahometes 2d*, in
 μ— 40 Greek Letters, and then 'tis *Mahomet* the Great.
 α— 1 All that would not pay Tribute, or turn *Musel-*
 ο— 70 men, were to be killed by their Law in the *Al-*
 μ— 40 *coran*.

ς— 5 The false Prophet *Muhdi* will not only work
 7— 300 Miracles, but pretend to be *Mahomet* himself ;
 η— 8 and this is to give Life to the Image, or Cha-
 ς— 200 racter of *Mahomet*, and to speak like him, and
 C— 2d force all to worship him as *Mahomet* himself :
 — And this he is to do before the second Beast, and
 666 cause all to be killed, and hindred from Trading
 who were not Circumcised *Muselmen*, and wore
 not Turbants, or had not owned that Empire of *Mahomet*.

The last Emperor will be most cruel, and will have this false Prophet ; and both this Emperor and false Prophet will be thrown alive into the Lake of Fire, *Revel. 19. Mahomet* the Messenger of God, is the Character of the Beast, and this is the Inscription on his Seal.

The *Roman Empire* did not fall till after the taking of *Constantinople*, when the Empire of the *Ottomans* began to be Antichrist, or the Beast with two Horns, the *Syrian* and *Grecian* Empires.

The *Saracens* are reckoned by five Months, in *chap. 9.* and *chap. 13.* by 42 Months, because the *Mahomedan Year* is *Lunar*, and both Empires must last 42 Months ; and in *chap. 11.* the City *Jerusalem* is to be trod down by them 42 Months, and the *Mahomedan Beast*, or Empire began 622, and must end 1882 ; but if we reckon by *Hegiras*, sooner.

The present Luxury of the *Sultans* occasions their being often deposed : Their Divisions by many Sects, the Factions of the *Janisaries* do now evidently weaken the *Turkish* Empire, as well as their frequent Defeats by the Christians in our Age : The *Sophi* of *Persia*, the *Czar* united with the Emperor of *Germany*, the *Polanders* and *Venetians* are now able to destroy the *Ottoman* Empire, when that time is appointed by Providence that they do agree to do it. The *Greek* Church believes the *Turk* to be Antichrist, and that the *Czar* will be their Deliverer. The *Turks* now possess those Countries from whence *Ezechiel* says *Gog* must come ; and they possess *Thessalonica*, where *St. Paul* gave Notice of the Coming of Antichrist ; and the *Turk* is *Gog* ; and *Esdra*s makes the one Head of the Eagle to slay the other, after the middle Head is dead, that is the *Saracens*.

C H A P. XIV.

The Vision of Christ's coming to Mount Sion, with 144 Saints, to destroy the Saracens both in the East and West; and also the Constantinopolitan Empire, or Armies of the Christians in the Holy War.

HERE Christ appears with the same Number of Saints as were sealed in the twelve Tribes, *chap. 7.* His Father's Name was writ in their Foreheads; that is, they were admitted into Paradise, where they used their Harps and Songs before the Throne, and before the four Beasts, and Elders: A new Song which none could learn, but they who were redeemed from the Earth. These are the first Fruits to God and the Lamb, and redeemed from among Men, and therefore in their separate State: These were Virgins; had not defiled themselves with Women; never married, or no Fornicators or Idolaters: And these accompanied Christ to stand on Mount *Sion* with him, whilst the *Saracens* are destroyed at *Jerusalem*, in the Holy War; and after that by the *Tartars*. Christ's standing on Mount *Sion* shews, that the Harvest was in that Country, or the East, at *Babylon*; the Destruction of which is described *Esd. 2. chap. 15. and ver. 35.* 'tis said, *Blood shall be from the Sword unto the Belly, and Dung of Men unto the Camels Hough;* then they shall smite down their own Star, the *Mahomedan* Caliph. Afterwards another Angel proclaims the everlasting Gospel; that is, God alone is to be worshipped: And now is the time of this Judgment, that is, during the Holy War, the Reformation from worshipping Images began; and this must be preached to all People.

And another Angel cried, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen,* because it was taken by *Tangrolipix* 1055, and afterwards subverted utterly by the *Tartars* 1260.

Babylon is said to corrupt all by the Wine of her Fornication; there the *Saracen* Caliphs lived, who promoted the *Mahomedan* Worship, called Fornication. Another Angel

gel threatens them that worship the Beast, with being tormented with Fire and Brimstone, in the presence of the Lamb and his Angels, who are now supposed to stand on Mount *Sion*, at this Vengeance on the *Saracens* and their Disciples: But a Voice from Heaven proclaims them *Blessed who die in the Lord*, that is for the Faith of *Jesus*; and are Executors of his Wrath in the Destruction of the *Saracens*.

1. Note, *This Chapter relates to the Saracens, as we know by the Mark in the Hand and Forehead, and the Worship of the Beast and his Image. The Turks assisted the Saracens in the Holy War, and were then Mahomedans.*

A. D. 766. Old *Babylon* was built on *Euphrates*, but *Bagdat* by *Almansor*, on the East-side of *Tigris*, and has the Epithet of *The City of Salvation*. This Judgment on it was for her Fornication, which may be leaving Christ's Religion, and following *Mahomet's*, the first Beast who was both Priest and King. The *Mahomedans* are guilty of great Fornication, as well as Idolatry in worshipping *Mahomet*, whom they in all their Worship own as a Prophet sent from God: They sing his Praises in their Mosques every *Friday*; the *Moors* pray to him, and *Busbequius*, in his third Epistle, describes the Worship of *Mahomet* thus; *Sacerdote Mahometis nomen pronuntiante pariter una omnes capita ad genua usque submittebant; cum nomen dei proferretur, in faciem venerabundi procidebant*, pag. 178. They kiss and adore the *Alcoran* as a Book sent by *Gabriel* from Heaven. In their Prayers they depend on *Mahomet's* Merit, and say, *Peace and Blessing be to their Prophet*. They read Chapters of his *Alcoran* at the time of their publick Prayers, and call *Mahomet* in their Prayers, *Lord of the Creatures*. In the second Surat 'tis writ, *We have appointed Mecca's Temple for a certain Refuge for Penitents; and thither shall you turn your Faces wheresoever you are Praying*. And *Mecca* is called *The City of the Prophet*; and thither Pilgrimages are made, because *Mahomet* Preached there; and all the Pilgrims expect Pardon and plenary Indulgence for their Sins, if they have once prayed in that Holy Place; and they are esteemed more Holy than any other. They salute their Guardian Angels in their Prayers, by turning their Heads to their Shoulders: They have many fabulous Legends of *Mahomet's* Miracles: They have many oral Traditions in their *Surma*: They pray for their Dead; use Rosaries in their Prayers.

Prayers. This is their *Islamism*, or State of Salvation. 'Tis the highest Blasphemy to deny Christ to be the Son of God; and to call *Mahomet* a greater Prophet. To forsake Christ's for *Mahomet's* Religion, is playing the Harlot, and Fornication: And the *Mahomedans* pay a Hero-worship to *Mahomet*, tho' they Worship no Images, and thereby are Idolaters: They swear by *Mahomet*. *Busbequius's Sermo legati* describes their Emperors Oath, *Ego hoc iusjurandum, per vivum & verum creatorem cali & terra, per vera signa magni, & venerandi nostri Prophetæ, &c.* And to Swear by *Mahomet* is Idolatry.

2. Note, That the time of this Destruction of the Saracens is plainly intimated by the Angel, who proclaimed the Gospel, or Christian Religion, free from the Worship of Saints and Angels, and their Images; the Christian Churches were subjected to the Saracens, who severely punished their Idol-worship; and here the Christians come to Mount Sion to revenge on the Saracens their Worship of Mahomet, called Fornication. The Lamb with the 144 Thousand, represent a solemn Judgment, sitting to condemn them, or the Christian Army coming to take Jerusalem, and raise a Christian Kingdom there; their Army was 300--000. The Reformation began from 1160, but the Waldenses began 1218. Waldus was a Citizen of Lyons, but was drove thence, and his Followers into divers Countries, Germany, Sarmatia, Bohemia, Livonia, Calabria, Apulia, Province, Piedmont, Tholouse; and they were called Albigenses.

Waldus's chief Articles were, that the Scripture is the Rule of Faith, and the Saints no Mediators; no Purgatory, nor Masses for the Dead. He denied the Pope's Supremacy, and asserted the Communion under both Kinds; and affirmed, that the Church of Rome was Babylon in the Apocalypse. This is the everlasting Gospel, and therefore the Reformation is here plainly described, which teaches the Worship of the Creator only.

After this Destruction at Jerusalem, Christ is represented as coming on a white Cloud by an Angel, like to the Son of Man, as his Messenger, had on his Head a Gold Crown, in his Hand a sharp Sickle. And another Angel came out of

of the Temple, and commanded him to Reap. 'Tis the time appointed to destroy the *Saracen's* in the East; and the *Tartars* in *Syria*, who were at first Christians, did the same. Another Angel came out of the Temple with a Sickle to gather the Clusters of Grapes, and to cast them into the Vine-press of the Wrath of God; and the Vine-press was trod out of the City, and the Blood came to the Horses Bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred Furlongs. The *Saracens* were destroyed in the West by the *Germans, Italians, French, and Spaniards*, in which Countries Wines abound. 1148 the *Spaniards* drove the *Saracens* from *Armenia* and *Tortosa*. 1490 *Ferdinand* drove the *Moors* out of *Granada* and *Spain*, where they had lived 700 Years in continual Wars: But by the mention of the City, this must relate to the taking *Jerusalem* 1099, when the dead Bodies swam in Blood; and now there remains none of the *Saracens*, but the *Moors* in *Africa*.

But since the *Saracens* cannot be called the Vine of the Earth, it is most probable, that this great effusion of Blood was at the Siege and taking of the City of *Constantinople*, which was 1453, whereas the *Saracens* were subjected to the *Turkish* Empire, A. D. 1300.

The *Greek* Church is most properly called the Vine of the Earth. In *Psalms* 80th, v. 14. 15th, the *Jews* are called the Vine, and God's Vineyard: And this may represent the Destruction of the *Grecian* Cities and Churches; and those in *Thrace*, or *Asia* minor, within 200 Miles of *Constantinople*, which was long besieged by *Badjazet*, about eight Years. The 1600 Furlongs are 200 Miles. And the first Angel came out of the Temple with his sharp Sickle; and another from the Altar, who had Power of Fire. This last intimates that the City was burnt first; and he called to the first to cut the Clusters, and cast them into the Vine-press; that is, great Slaughters were made of those who fled out of that City, when it was taken.

Tho' this be a probable Interpretation, yet Christ standing on Mount *Sion*, determines the Place of effusion of Blood within 200 Miles of the City of *Jerusalem*, when *Saladin* came from *Egypt*, and took *Jerusalem*, and all the Cities in *Palestine* and *Phenicia*. *Jerusalem* was taken by the Christians 1099. but they were drove out of the East 1291; and they may be the Vine of the Earth. 1187, *Jerusalem* was taken by *Saladin*, and *Ptolemais*, and *Antioch*; and 1234, the *Egyptian* Sultan took *Jerusalem*, razed it, and put all to the Sword, and spared not the Temple of the Sepulchre.

pulchre: *Saladin* turned the great Temple into a Mosque, and used others as Stables.

2 *Esd.* ch. 12. v. 27. After the great *Saracen* Head of the Eagle was dead; the two that remains shall be slain by the Sword, v. 28. The Sword of the one shall devour the other, that is, the Turk slew the Constantinopolitan Emperor, and seized his Empire.

Note, There is a Time prefixt by God's Decrees, for the Destruction of great Empires, when the Harvest and Vintage is ripe; and that 'tis directed by the Ministry of Angels. The Saracens are here punished by Fire and Brimstone. And chap. 19. the Ottomans, who will succeed in the same false Religion, will be thrown into a Lake of Fire burning with Brimstone. The Saints are here represented Singing with their Harps, in their separate State, for this Destruction; and such great Affairs relating to the Christian Church, may be communicated to them by the Angels. In chap. 19. Christ brings his Saints on white Horses at the Destruction of the Ottoman second Beast. And here the Saints come with Christ to stand on Mount Sion, to rejoyce at this Destruction of the Saracens.

C H A P. XV.

The Vision of the seven Angels receiving the seven Vials of God's Wrath, or last Plagues; the Jews return, and build their Temple.

THESE are called the last Plagues, and must succeed the former, to compleat the Ruin of the *Mahomedan* Empire, by destroying the *Ottoman* Empire, which succeeded the *Saracen* in its Tyranny and false Religion.

The Sea of Glass before the Throne represents the *Jews*, who had been persecuted, and who had got the Victory over the Beast; and their Harps are Symbols of their Rejoycing for it: They sang the Song of *Moses*, which is that the *Israelites* sang after the Drowning of *Pharaoh's* Host in the Red-Sea; and this the *Jews* will sing when they are delivered from their present Captivity.

Afterwards, *the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven is open'd*, the *Jews* will Rebuild the Temple described by *Ezekiel*. Then the seven Angels come out of the Temple, with seven Plagues, clothed like High Priests in white Linnen, girded with Golden Girdles. One of the Beasts delivered the Vials, and these Vials are called another Sign or Symbol, and therefore are different Judgments upon the same Beasts, from the Harvest and Vintage. These 7 Angels represent the 7 Shepherds, mention'd by *Micah*, with 8 Principal Men, whom the *Jews* will raise against the *Assyrians*, when they come into their Country: For before this, *Micah* says, *ch. 5. v. 3. Then the Remnant of their Brethren shall return unto the Children of Israel.* One of the four Beasts deliver the Vials. This must be one of the Old Patriarchs, *Abraham* probably, who will come with the *Jews* on their return at last; or assist them by his Power given him in Heaven; according to *chap. 1. of Esdras 2.* the Patriarchs and Prophets will come with the People from the East, and then the Temple will be filled with Smoak, by the Glory of God after the Plagues are poured out. Before none

could enter into it ; that is, before God's Judgments on the *Ottoman* Empire ; and the Glory of God in the Temple will convert the *Jews*. So 'tis said, *Zach. 12.* *Gog* is conquered at the Siege of *Jerusalem*. And after that, Christ appears crucified, upon which the *Jews* will mourn.

The Sea of Glass represents the Multitudes of the *Jews*, who will return to *Jerusalem* ; the Fire mixt with it, their Persecution. The Victory of the Beast is over his Religion and Army ; and these must be those *Jews* who are dispersed in the Dominion of the Beast, which will first return to *Jerusalem*. Part of the two Tribes were drove from their Universities at *Babylon* by the *Saracens* into the West, *An. 1037.* And these are the two Tribes according to *Esd. ch. 13. v. 48.* And *v. 3.* *He waxed strong with the Thousands of Heaven. v. 16. Woe to them that are left behind, v. 17, v. 18.* He distinguishes the Condition of the *Jews* that were left behind, from those of the ten Tribes, who must return after the Multitude is destroyed. They that are left behind are in great Perils and Necessities. *Ezechiel* tells us, *Gog* will besiege them. And *Daniel* says, *There shall be a time of Trouble, such as never was since there was a Nation.* *Zach. 12.* mentions the Siege of *Jerusalem* ; and *Esd. ch. 13.* says, *One City shall fight against another, and one Realm against another ;* and Christ shall stand on Mount *Sion*, and it shall be builded as the Hill graven without Hands, and having destroyed the Multitude gathered to fight against him, he will call (*v. 3.*) *another peaceable Multitude*, which is the ten Tribes. Therefore the two Tribes in the Borders built *Sion*, before the Ten returned. And *Zach. 14.* relates the Second overthrow of *Gog*, when they came and took *Jerusalem*. The Sign of the return of the two Tribes, will be Wars in all Countries ; and afterwards they will build *Jerusalem*, and their Temple, as is intimated, *the Temple of the Tabernacle in Heaven was opened ;* and the seven Angels may represent seven High Priests of the *Jews*, in whose time these Plagues will be poured out. *Chap. 11. v. 19.* says, *The Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his Temple the Ark of his Testament. And there were Lightnings, and Voices, and Thundrings, and an Earthquake, and great Hail.* These happen after the Battle of *Armageddon*, *ch. 16.* Then *Gog* is overthrown, as in *Zach. 12.* and after this, the *Jews* are converted to Christianity ; and till they see him whom they pierced, they will not mourn, and repent : This is declared, *ch. 1. of Rev. Behold,*
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he cometh with Clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him, and all the Kindreds of the Earth shall wail because of him. This only can Convert the Jews, 'till then they will practice the *Mosaic Law*, as is prescribed in *Ezechiel's Temple*. *Zachary* intimates the Coming of the ten Tribes, *ch. 14. v. 5. And the Lord my God shall come, and the Saints with thee.* But there is no Intimation of the ten Tribes return, in the *Revelations*, unless represented by the Armies in Heaven on white Horses, who come to fight the Beast's Army. And the Angel standing in the Sun may be *Michael*, who will then stand up, that great Prince, who standeth for the Children of thy People, *Dan. ch. 12. v. 1.* No greater Wonder can be, than the return of the Jews after their Dispersion so many Ages. Then they will sing the Song of the Lamb, *Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints, &c.* Then all Prophecies will be perfectly known, and all Nations will come and worship before God, as is said in the Song, for his Judgments predicted, are made manifest, that is, come on the World, *2 Esd. ch. 1. v. 38.* He describes the coming of the ten Tribes from the East, with their Leaders, *Abraham, Isaac, Jacob*, and the twelve Prophets. And *ch. 2. v. 10. Tell my People, I will give them the Kingdom of Jerusalem; v. 16. Those that be dead, I will raise up again, and bring them out of their Graves; viz. They shall have the Tree of Life. For thy help I will send my Servants Esay and Jeremy. I have prepared for thee twelve Trees laden with Fruits, and as many Fountains flowing with Milk and Honey.* The Trees are for the twelve Tribes; the Fountains; the Fertility of their Land; the seven Mountains, seven glorious Cities. At this Time will be the Resurrection of the Just, and the Restitution of *Adam's Paradise*. And *Daniel, ch. 12.* will rise in his Lot. And *Ezechiel* measure his City and Temple, and the Land of *Judæa*. When the ten Tribes return, all this must be done.

C H A P. XVI.

The several Degrees of the Fall of the Ottoman Empire are represented by the seven last Plagues, which seven Angels pour forth.

THE Voice came from the Temple where God's Glory appeared, which commanded the seven Angels to execute the Plagues upon the Earth, that is, the Eastern Parts of the Empire.

1. The first Plague is a noisome Sore, upon them that had the Mark of the Beast. This is to happen in the Ottoman Empire, where the Beast is Worshipped, and his Image.

2. The second Plague is a Sea-fight with the Christians, which will be very Bloody; but if the Fish must also die, that will be by some Earthquake, and sulphureous Exhalations to kill the Fish.

3. The Rivers and Fountains became Blood. This represents the Wars and Slaughter in Greece or Asia, where the Assyrians may invade Hellespont; the Thracians rebel as well as Egypt. The Ottomans slew the Grecians and Asiatics in a barbarous manner, and now they will have their own Blood to drink, of which the Angel of the Waters thought them worthy so to be judged; for which he praised God, and another Angel said, Amen. The Fountains are the Continent.

4. The Sun scorched Men with Fire, that is the Moors in Africa, for which they blaspheme God, that is Christ, who sends these Plagues.

5. The Kingdom of the Beast is full of Darknes, for which they gnawed their Tongue. The Darknes and Plague will happen where the Royal Seat of their Empire is, or else thro' the Ottoman Empire to enrage them to Blasphemies of Christ, to whom they will impute these Plagues.

6. The Water of the River Euphrates is dried up, that the Kings of the East might pass over. These may be Persians, Indians, and Tartars, who are Mahomedans, Ezech. 38. Then there will be three devilish Spirits; one from Satan,
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a second in the Beast, and a third in *Muhdi* the false Prophet : And these Three false deceiving Spirits are sent to the Kings of the Earth, and will perswade them to come together to fight the *Jews* two Tribes, who are returned to *Judaea*. The three Spirits preached the Causes of this War against the two Tribes in *Jerusalem*, the Dragon perswades them not to spare them who worship God, and have the Favour of God in their return. The Reason of the Beast is, the Defence of his Empire ; the Reason of the false Prophet ; this War is the Propagation of the *Mahomedan* Religion. By these Reasons these devilish Spirits gather the *Mahomedans* to *Armageddon*, and this is near *Jerusalem*, to besiege it, as is described by *Ezekiel*. And *Zachary* 12. when *Gog* came thither with *Magog*, this is the Valley of Decision, *Joel* 3. and there they are overthrown. *Elmacimo* says the *Arabians* calls the *Turks* and *Tartars*, *Gog* and *Magog*.

7. The seventh Plague is poured into the Air, and then the seven Vials are finished ; *it is done*, signifies the same as the Voice out of the Temple from whence the seven Angels came, and now they may enter into the Temple. The *Jews* are converted to Christianity, described by the Appearance of Christ, *Zach.* 12th. After the Siege, *there were Voices, Thunders, Lightnings, and a mighty Earthquake*. And the great City *Constantinople* was divided into three Parts, and the Cities of the Nations fell : And *Babylon*, now *Bagdat*, fell, that she might taste of the Cup of the Fierceness of God's Wrath : And every of the Eastern Islands fled away, were Ruined by the Earthquake, and the Mountains, or Cities sunk also, were not found. And there fell on Men a great Hail, which accompanied the Thunder, about the weight of a Talent, and that caused Men to blaspheme Christ, as the Author of that Plague ; the *Mahomedans* looking on the Christians as their inveterate Enemies. And the Plagues in the Air, are Thunder, Lightning, Hail, and Earthquakes.

Ezech. ch. 38. mentions the Earthquake ; *the Mountains shall be thrown down, the great Hail stones, Fire and Brimstone ; every Man's Sword shall be against his Brother*. Thus *Gog's* Army at *Armageddon* will be destroyed, which came out of *Persia, Ethiopia, Libya*, and the North Quarters ; who come to spoil the desolate Places that are now inhabited ; and the People gathered out of all Nations.

Seven Angels, with their Trumpets destroyed the old *Roman* Empire, *chap. 8.* Seven destroy the *Saracen* Empire, *chap.*

chap. 14. Seven destroy the *Ottomans*, *chap. 16.* All Revolutions are done by Angels, and are here represented by them, and these may be the seven Angels before the Throne; and these here represent seven High Priests of the *Jews*, after their return, in whose Time these Plagues may happen. The pouring out of the Vials is before Christ appears, *Zach. 14.* And the last War, *Rev. 19.* is the War mentioned, as the second Coming of *Gog*, *Rev. 14.* Both these Comings of *Gog* or the *Turks*, are before the *Millennium*, and a third Coming of *Gog*, after the *Millennium*, *Rev. 20.*

Rev. ch. 11. The two Witnesses, or Eastern Churches, before they are destroyed by the Beast, have Power given them to smite the Earth with all the Plagues mentioned; Fire proceeds out of their Mouths, that is, they pray for God's Judgments on Antichrist. They shut Heaven, that it Rains not; this is the scorching Heat of the Sun. They turn the Waters into Blood, by fighting with the *Turks* in the Midland-Countries, where Springs and Rivers rise. All the other Plagues are intimated by these Words: *To smite the Earth with Plagues as often as they will.*

C H A P. XVII.

The Vision of the Great Whore, riding on a Scarlet Beast in the Wilderness ; by which is represented the Corruption of Christianity in the West, and Tyranny of the Popedom over the Western Emperor, and ten Kings.

ST. John is shewed by one of the seven Angels, Christ's Judgment on the Whore ; and this cannot happen till the seven Plagues have preceded, and two Tribes of the Jews are returned. The Whore hath drawn the Kings of the Earth into her Fornication, and the Inhabitants of the Earth have been drunk with her Fornication, like Wine.

By this Fornication is not alway understood Idolatry, but any Corruption in the Worship of Churches ; when they depart from the Rules of true Religion.

The Church is Christ's Spouse, and to forsake his Laws in Worship, is Whoredom. *Hosea, ch. 1. v. 2.* 'tis said, *He hath committed great Whoredom in departing from the Lord.* And *ch. 2. v. 15.* *I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness,* v. 20. *I will betroth thee unto me in faithfulness.* *Isai. chap. 1. v. 21.* *The faithful City is become a Harlot ; it was full of judgment, righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers,* v. 23. *Thy Princes are become rebellious, and are Companions of Thieves ; every one loveth Gifts, &c.* For these Immoralities Jerusalem becomes a Harlot.

This Woman is in the Wilderness, whither the Woman in the 12th Chap. fled, and therefore is the same Church ; and being called a Whore cannot be the true Church, but the Western Church, on the seven Heads, the seven Hills at Rome ; which is the place described. And she rides the Scarlet Beast with seven Heads, and ten Horns. This is the Western Emperor whom she set up to ride on, and the ten Horns are in the West.

The Corruptions of this Church, for which the Whore is judged, are Worship of Images, Reliques of Saints and their Invocation, and their Intercession, the worship of the Sacraments; But she was punished by Banishment into the Wilderness, for her Pretence to a Supremacy and Imperial Power; tho' there God gave her a Maintenance till this Time of her Judgment.

All the ten Horns were subject to the Papacy as well as the Scarlet Beast: She sits on many Waters, commanding divers Nations. 1. *Italy.* 2. *France.* 3. *Spain.* 4. *Portugal.* 5. *England.* 6. *Scotland.* 7. *Denmark.* 8. *Swedeland.* 9. *Poland.* 10. *Hungary.* All these Countries Rome formerly Governed by her Spiritual Authority, and corrupted their Worship. *Germany* is the Seat of the Emperor, who is rid by the Whore.

Italy and the West were long infested by Wars from ten Nations; and therefore 'tis called a Wilderness, in which the Whore rides.

The first Mark of the Whore is the Corruption of the Worship in the Western Church, called Fornication.

The second Character is her *sitting on many Waters*; which is, governing many Countries.

The third is, *She was riding in the Wilderness*; Places desolated by Wars.

The fourth, She was full of the Names of Blasphemy; *Universal Bishop, Infallible Vicar of Christ*; He can depose Kings, absolve Subjects from their Allegiance.

The fifth Note of the Whore, *She was arrayed in Scarlet and Purple, and decked with Gold, and precious Stones*; She had a royal Authority, and was very Rich and Proud.

The sixth Mark of the Whore, was a golden Cup in her Hand, full of Abominations, and filthiness of her Fornication. She gives Power to a Priest to turn the Sacramental Elements into real Blood and Flesh, and then commands them to be worshipped.

The seventh Mark on her Forehead, is a mysterious Name, that is *Babylon*, not the real, but another mysteriously represented by that Name; because the Old *Babylon* did, like this *Roman Babylon*, become the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth.

The eighth Mark is, *She was drunk with the blood of the Saints*, and the Martyrs of Jesus: And at all these Marks St. John much wondered, as he did at the Woman, *ch. 12.* whom he calls a Wonder.

The ninth Mark is explained by the Angel, *the Whore is the great City, which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth.* And in *St. John's Time*, that was *Rome*; and he saith, *the seven Heads*, are seven Mountains, on which the Woman sitteth; therefore *Rome* is the Place where the Whore has her Royal Seat of her Spiritual Empire.

None but the Pope did alter the Worship in the Western Churches; none had her Royal Seat on the seven Mountains, but the Pope; none persecuted all Reformation, but the Pope; there is great *Sodomy*; and Fornication is allowed in *Rome*, as in old *Babylon*; she is called mysteriously, *Babylon*.

The tenth Mark of the great Whore is, she raises the Western Empire again. And since none did that but the Pope, this is a convincing Proof that the Popedom is the great Whore to be here judged.

The Beast on which the Woman rides, is the Empire in the West, which was till *Augustulus*; and at the Beginning of the Popedom is not, but shall ascend out of the bottomless Pit; that is, was to assist the Pope in the corrupting of the Western Church, but this must go into Perdition at last. And now by the Popes, this Beast is again raised, and in this Empire seven *French* Emperors, five of which were fallen, when the Pope came to this height of Authority; one is at that very Time, the other is not yet come, and will remain a small Time, and then the Beast or Empire which was, and is not, is the Eighth; and is of the same *Caroline* Family as the Seventh, and goeth into Perdition at last. The Empire goes from the *Caroline* Family, and is possessed by the *Saxons*, &c. By this *Enigma*, the Beast that was, and is not, and yet is; *St. John* shews who the Beast is, who is rid by the Whore. First, The seven *French* Emperors, and at the Time of the Sixth, the Popedom was got into a Flourishing State in making these Emperors, and in transferring them from *France* into *Germany*, on whom the Pope would ride; that is, Govern for some Time. *Charlemagne* was the first, *A. D.* 800. And *Arnolphus* the *German* is the Eighth, 888. All this shews who is the Beast to be rid by the Pope. The sixth Emperor Reigned but one Year, and therefore 'tis said of him that *he is*, or at his time all the former Marks will appear in the Whore. The ten Kings are ten Horns, which have no Power, as yet are no Kings; but they will receive Power as Kings one Hour with the Beast: And these have one Mind, and shall give their Power and Strength to the Beast, and these shall make War

War with the Lamb, who shall overcome them : For he is the *Lord of Lords, and King of Kings* ; and they that are with him are Called and Chosen, and Faithful. These are those who oppose the Corruptions of *Rome*. And the ten Horns are ten Emperors, or one of the ten Kings, who will make War with them, and the Lamb will at last conquer them : And the Cruelty of the Whore, by which she is said to be drunk with Blood, is the Persecutions raised by the Pope's Authority, and his Inquisition.

The first Horn that persecuted was *Philip of France*, who persecuted the *Albigenses*, about 1218, incited by *Innocent the Third* to it. His General was his chief Agent, and *Lewis the Eighth* continued the War with them ; then the *Albigenses* in *Croatia* and *Dalmatia*, set up a Bishop (*Bartholmaus*) against the Popes, and the Papists took the Sign of the Cross to fight against them, by whom miserable Burnings and Slaughters were made in the Wars against the *Albigenses* and *Waldenses* ; they lasted 70 Years. And *Perronius* says, 10 Thousand were Slain, and in thirty Years 90 Thousand.

Persecution
1378. *John Wickeliffe* writ in *England* against the Popish Doctrines ; and *John Huss* preached against them in *Bohemia*, who was declared a Heretick 1415, and burnt. *Jerom of Prague* was burnt 1416. And *Boniface the Eighth* order'd the Hereticks to be Flead and Burnt.

Wickeliffe rejects the Pope's Pardon, Indulgences and Authority, and Transubstantiation ; and makes the Gospel a sufficient Rule. His Bones were burnt by the Order of a Council 41 Years after his Death.

1419. The *Bellum Hussiticum* began under *Zisca*, against *Sigismond*, and Pope *Martin*. And this may be the Second Persecution by Wars.

1545. This may be the third Persecution under *Francis*, King of *France* ; who slew the *Waldenses* at *Mirandula*, Men, Women, and Children were barbarously Murder'd, and whole Villages burnt in *Provence*. *John Minerus* executed the Decree of the Council at *Aix*, by Soldiers. See the Catalogue of *French Martyrs*, from 1524, till 1559. in *Fox*.

1546. *Charles the Fifth*, being assisted by the *Spanish* and Pope's Forces, conquer'd the Protestants in *Germany*, from 1546, till 1560. Many Protestants suffered in *Italy* ; and in 1540, many in *Spain*. See the Catalogue in the Book of Martyrs. And this may be the Fourth Persecution by

by Wars, and 1531 the Wars happen'd betwixt the Protestant and Popish Town in *Switzerland*.

1554. Under Queen *Mary* 800 Protestants were Martyr'd in *England*. And this may be the Fifth Persecution.

1562. The Wars under *Charles* the Ninth of *France*. The first under the Duke of *Guise* for the Papists, and the Prince of *Conde* for the Protestants. The second War in 1567. The third 1569. The Massacre in *France*, 1572. The Holy League 1576. 50 Thousand *Hugonots* were slain in the Civil Wars of *France*, and 30 Thousand in the Massacre. This is the sixth Persecution.

1585. *Henry* the Third of *France*, and his Confederates, made War with the King of *Navarre* and Prince of *Conde*, and commanded the *Hugonots* to depart out of *France* in a Month's Time; and a great Army was raised in *Germany*, 1587, to assist the King of *Navarre*. And this may be the seventh Persecution; but by the Favour of *Henry* the Fourth, the Protestants had got 100 walled Towns into their Hands.

1585. *Philip* the Second, King of *Spain*, made War with the *Hollanders*, upon the Account of their Reformation. From 1565, there were Wars in the *Low Countries*, about the Inquisition. 1572, The Prince of *Orange* headed the Protestants, and the Union at *Utrecht* was 1579. And this is the eighth Persecution.

1622. *Lewis* the Thirteenth took many walled Towns from the Protestants; and since that Time they have had no free Liberty of their Religion: And this is the ninth Persecution. And 1641 was the *Irish* Massacre.

The tenth Persecution is to be the last and longest, as *Diocletian's* was; and 'tis as difficult to state these ten last Persecutions, the Horns made by the Pope's Instigation, as it was the ten First in the Beginning of Christianity.

1685. *Lewis* the Fourteenth abrogated the Edict of *Nants*, and then sent his Soldiers to Dragoon the Protestants for their Religion.

Jerieu dates this Persecution from 1655, when the Duke of *Savoy* undertook to destroy the Protestants in *Piedmont*; his Soldiers made a great Massacre of them, but they defended themselves with Success, and other Protestant States obtained a Peace for them. A Persecution began in *Poland* after this, and the Reformed were driven out of that Kingdom into *Transylvania*, *Hungary*, *Germany*; at the same Time, after the *Pyrenean* Peace, the Persecution began in

France. 1671, The Persecution began in *Silesia, Moravia, Hungary*, in which the Protestant Religion was almost extirpated. The King of *France* excited the Persecution in *Piedmont*, by procuring an Edict of *Savoy* against the Protestants. The *French* Edict Commands them that will not Communicate, to be sent to the Gallies. The Persecution in *Piedmont* lasted from 1555, to 1561. 1540, There were Persecutions in *Scotland*. 1478, The Inquisition was set up in *Spain*, by which many Protestants have been butcher'd in all the *Spanish* Kingdoms. 1551, *Paul* the 4th was a great *Antilutherian*, in whose Time 150 Thousand Protestants were destroyed in thirty Years space. 1234, The *Albigenses* were slain in *Spain* by the Command of *Gregory* the Third. 1220. *Lewis* was excited by the Pope to lay Siege to *Tholouse*, but the Earl of *Tholouse* beat the *French* King.

In *Holland*, as *Vergerian* relates, 150 Thousand were slain by the Inquisition in 30 Years. Thus the Whore was drunk with the Blood of the Martyrs. To these we must add those sent to the Gallies, and vast Numbers banished out of *France*: And many smaller Persecutions have happened, by this Confederacy of the ten Horns with the Beast and Popedom.

Wickliffe, and the *Lollards* were persecuted in the Reigns of *Henry* the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th. But at last, the ten Horns on the Beast shall hate the Whore, or Popedom; eat her Flesh, seize on her Revenues, and burn her with Fire, and make her desolate and naked. Thus God will put it into their Minds to agree with the Beast, or Emperor, to fulfill God's Wrath on the Whore.

The Beast and ten Horns hate the Pope, because he Depos and Excommunicates them at his Pleasure, and exacts Money from their Subjects, and exempts his Clergy from the Civil Power. These Kingdoms now hate the Popedom, *England, Scotland, Holland, Denmark, Prussia, Swedenland*, and *Swisserland*; and they will joyn with the Emperor to burn *Rome*, the Seat of the Popedom.

The Army of *Charles* the Fifth plunder'd *Rome*, and burnt it: And many Emperors had Wars with the Pope near 200 Years.

I will here give an Account of the *German* Emperors, to shew, that Part of the *Roman* Empire yet continues, which the Pope raised in the West to ride on.

There were forty Heathen Emperors, and eight Christian before the Empire was divided by *Theodosius* the Great, into the Eastern and Western Parts. In the West were

were twelve Emperors, and *Augustulus* the last; and then the *Roman* Empire had stood 512 Years. In the West succeeded nine *Gothic* Kings, in 77 Years. Then the *Lombards* had 20, or 23 in *Italy*: But the *Greek* Emperor retained the Exarchate at *Ravenna*; and 47 Emperors succeeded in the West, being new raised by the Pope; ten of the *French* Family, four of the *Saxon*, fourteen of the *Franks*, and *Suevian* Blood. Then an Inter-reign from 1250, till 1273. During which, 9 took the Title, tho' not legally chosen. Then 10 of the *Austrian* Family, till *Ferdinand* the Third, and 'tis still in the same Line. All these have succeeded as *Roman* Emperors, tho' Elected, they have Precedence of all Princes in *Europe*. He is the Beast with ten Horns, and the Pope is not the Beast, but rides on him. The Arms of the Empire are, a Black Eagle with two Heads. The *Muscovite* Arms, a Spread Eagle with lesser Wings. The *Polish*, an Eagle *Argent*; the Body of the Eagle is the *Roman* Empire, according to *Esdras*. And these will joyn to destroy the *Ottoman* Empire.

Gregory the 7th, called *Hildebrand*, A.D. 1076, raised the Grandeur of the Popedom by these Canons.

1. Christ made the Pope his Vicar, and Universal Bishop.
2. He can Depose all Bishops, and his Legate must Pre-
side in all Councils.
3. He can Depose any Prince, and all must Kiss his Feet.
4. He is an Infallible Judge in all Disputes, and he is no
Catholick, that is not of the *Roman* Church.
5. That Priests ought not to Marry. They cannot pray
Souls out of Purgatory. Prayers must be used in *Latin*.

Hildebrand rebelled against *Henry* 4th, and was chose without his Consent, and Deposed by him: And he Excommunicated the Married Clergy.

All the persecuting Kings were to rise in Future Ages of the Western Empire, and the ten Horns joyn with the Beast one Hour, that is for some small Time. These Persecutions are called *making War with the Lamb*, who will at last overcome them; and they that are persecuted, are called *faithful and chosen*; and these are the Protestants: And the ten Horns will be excited by God, to fulfill his Will, by assisting the Emperor in burning *Rome*; which will happen when the *Roman* Beast, now *German* Emperor, engages in a War with the Pope and *Italian* Princes; and then the ten Horns will assist him, as Confederates against the Popedom. We are now satisfied that they frequently oppose the Pope, and many hate him, as the great Whore, and

therefore the Time approaches, when they will burn *Rome*, to give it its first Fall. But its utter Ruin by the *Ma-homedan* Pyrates will not be till *A. D.* 1866. The Pope-dom began 606, to which we must add 1260, the Time, Times, and half a Time.

Note, That in Chapter the 12th, we have the Beginning of the History of the Western Church. And if we add Chap. 17. to it, we find it continues the same History of the Woman in the Wilderness, in our Times, when the great Whore is hated by the Beast, and many Horns; and they are directed by this Prophecy to burn her. And the History of the 17th, is comprehended in the Time computed for the Woman's being in the Wilderness, Ch. 12. The Return of the two Tribes of the Jews will happen, after the burning of Rome, its first fall; and its utter Destruction by Pyrates, or its last Fall, like a Stone thrown into the Sea, will be 1866.

C H A P. XVIII.

The Fall of Mystical Babylon, or Rome, by a Siege ; which will occasion a Plague, Famine, and Burning.

AFTER these Things, viz. the hatred of the ten Horns, their eating her Flesh, and burning her with Fire, another Angel, very Glorious and Powerful, proclaims the utter Destruction of the Popedom by two Falls, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, v. 8. Her Plagues shall come in one Day, Death, and Mourning, and Famine, and she shall be utterly burnt with Fire, v. 21. And a mighty Angel took up a Mill-stone and cast it into the Sea.* Thus with Violence shall that great City *Babylon* be cast down, and shall be found no more at all. This second Fall could not come from the ten Horns, because, v. 9. 'tis said, *The Kings of the Earth who have committed Fornication, and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, v. 10. Standing afar off, for the fear of her Torment.* Therefore this second Fall must come from some foreign Invasion of the *Mahomedans*, as is described in the *Sibylline Oracles*, they will utterly destroy her, as the Stone cast into the Sea intimates that Invasion by Sea. The Fate of the *Roman Empire* was evidently described by the *Sibyls* ; and that was a sufficient Reason for their frequent consulting of them, and keeping them in Private : And they were well known to *Constantine*.

This Angel gives the Reason of this Destruction of *Rome*. She was become the *Habitation of Devils*, and the *Hold of every foul Spirit*, and a *Cage of every unclean and hateful Bird*. For all Nations have drank of the *Wine of the Wrath* of her *Fornication*, and the *Kings of the Earth* have committed *Fornication with her* ; her *Sins* have reached to *Heaven* : She saith, *I sit a Queen, and am no Widow ; and shall see no Sorrow.* This is the *Pride of the Clergy*, and the *Corruption of Religion* in all Nations, subject to the *Popedom*. The *Papacy* is represented by the *City of Rome*, where it *Governs*. So in the old Prophets, *Jerusalem* is

condemned for the Sins of the Kings and Priests, and People who inhabited it; and *Rome*; for Merchants may here be her Clergy, who sell Pardons and Indulgences.

A Voice from Heaven calls the People out of her, that they partake not of her Sins, and Plagues. This may then be some extraordinary Preaching against the Popedom, or the clearer Apprehension of this Prophecy concerning its Ruin, a little before *Rome's* utter Destruction. And this may be after the first Fall by the Hatred of the Beast or Emperor, and ten Horns confederate with him. All the Catholick Countries have already restrained the Exorbitant Power of the Popedom, *viz.* Their Supremacy over Princes, and deposing Power, and the Exemption of their Clergy from the Civil Magistrate: And they make the Pope subject to the General Councils. This is a Part of the first Fall of *Babylon* in its Civil Power over all Kingdoms; and its Spiritual Power is disowned in all Protestant Nations, and their Monasteries destroyed, and her Priests banished; and *Charles* the Fifth burnt her with Fire.

Rome's Luxury in Delicacies is described by her Merchandize of Silver, Gold, precious Stones, fine Linnen, Purple, Silk, Scarlet, Thyine Wood. This *Dioscorides* mentions, *lib. 1. In Italia croco inficiunt ligna Thyina*, Ivory, Brasse, Iron, Marble, Cinnamon, Odours, Oyntments, Frankincense, Wine, Oyl, Wheat, Beasts, Horses, Chariots, they trade for the Bodies and Souls of Men; that is, they sell the Reliques of their Saints, and for Money pardon the Souls in Purgatory: Her Merchants grown rich by these Trades, lament the Loss of it. The Gold and Silver, and fine Linnen, Purple, and precious Stones, were the Ornaments of their Temples, and in one Hour are destroyed by Burning, and the City made desolate.

The Apostles and Prophets are commanded to Rejoyce at this Destruction, by which God avenged their Blood shed in *Rome*, and for her Sorceries, by which all Nations were deceived, that is, pretence of Miracles wrought by the Saints Reliques, and their Images. This City shall never be inhabited, nor any Tradesmen found in it, nor Musicians, or Marriages.

The first Reformers thought the Pope was Antichrist, because he was in many respects like him: And the Pope resembles the *Mahomedans* in these Particulars:

I. *Mahomet* pretends to a false Commission from God, to be a King and Prophet; and the Caliphs are Kings and Priests. The Pope pretends to both Temporal and Spiritual Power;

Power; the Vicar of Christ, and Prince above all Kings, and a Commission to depose them.

2. The Pope is adored as Infallible; and so are the Caliphs, and Mufti's their Successors.

3. *Mahomet* is an Intercessor to God for his Musselmen, and is adored by them. The Pope has set up other Intercessors, Saints and Angels, and orders them to be worshipped, which is Idolatry. And the *Mahomedans* worship the Alcoran, as the Papists do the Reliques of Saints.

4. The *Mahomedans* force all they can to embrace their Religion, or else persecute them by Tributes, and Tyranny; and have shed an exceeding quantity of Christians Blood in the East, and *Europe*. The Popes have raised many bloody Persecutions, and slaughtered an infinite Number of Protestants, upon account of Religion in the West.

For these Reasons, if there be many Antichrists in our Age, this Tyranny and Idolatry may make him the Whore, or great Antichrist in the West. But the Great Antichrist in St. *John* must deny Christ to be God's Son, and that the Pope never did; but *Mahomet* expressly does, in his Alcoran; and *Gog* is the Antichrist in the East; and *Paul* says, he must endeavour to deceive the *Thessalonians*, who were not under the Pope's Jurisdiction. Both the *Turk* and Pope will be signally destroyed at Christ's second Coming, and they both are great Enemies to his Religion; and the Seat of both will be ruin'd with them. *Rome* by Fire, and *Babylon* or *Bagdat*, and *Constantinople*, the great City of the *Ottomans*, by an Earthquake. It is much better to call the Popedom the great Whore, than Antichrist; that we may keep to the Words of this Prophecy: And Antichrist is destroyed at his second Coming, but the Whore a little time before. The Pope has only corrupted the true Religion by his Superstitious Mixtures; but the *Turk* by Force has destroyed the Christian Institutions, and substituted another Prophet, and his Fictions instead of Christ's Revelations, in all his Conquests; therefore *Islanism* is a more evident Opposition to Christianity, than Popery. And for this Reason the *Turk* is the great Antichrist.

C H A P. XIX.

The Song in Heaven, or the separate State upon the Destruction of Rome. The happy State of the Church afterwards. The Destruction of the Beast, or Antichrist in the East, by Christ at his second Coming.

HALLELUJAH is Sung by much People in Heaven; Glory, Honour, and Power is ascribed to God, for his righteous Judgment on the great Whore, who corrupted the Earth by her Fornications : And he hath avenged the Blood of his Saints.

And again they said, Hallelujah : And the four Beasts fell down, and twenty four Elders, and worshipped God, that sate on the Throne, saying, Hallelujah, Amen.

A Voice came out of the Throne, saying, Praise God all his Servants, and ye that fear him, small and great. This is a Command to all the Christians in Earth to rejoyce at this fall of Babylon, as the Souls do in their heavenly Mansions.

Then St. John heard the Voice of a Multitude, like many Waters, or Thunders, saying, Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoyce, and give honour to him; for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and fine and clean Linnen is given to his Wife. This is the joyful State of the Church, and the fine Linnen is the Righteousness of the Saints. Now all Idolatry is destroyed in the West, and they are called Blessed who live to such happy Days, called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb : He then will be expected to destroy Antichrist in the East, and to Reign in the Millennium. St. John was pleased with this State of the Church, for which he would have worshipped the Angel, who shewed him the Judgment of the Whore : But the Angel told him, he was one of his fellow Servants, that received this Prophecy from Jesus. These Sayings of the Prophecies are true, without any Symbol, but real Events : For which worship God.

Then

Then St. John saw Heaven open, and a white Horse came out; and he that sate on him was Christ, who judgeth righteously, and comes to destroy Antichrist, and his false Prophet *Mubdi*; whom the *Turks* expect. Christ's Eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his Head many Crowns, his Name none knew, but himself, tho' his Name be called the Word of God. His Vesture appear'd dipt in blood. The Armies in Heaven followed him on white Horses, clothed in white Linnen; He had destroyed the *Saracen*, and Whore, whose Blood appears on his Garment; and now comes finally to destroy the *Turks*, and all *Mahomedans*, by the sword out of his Mouth; by his rod of Iron, to smite the Nations. And he alone inflicts the Almighty's Wrath on them; because he is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. And he delivers to the Birds the flesh of Kings, Captains, Mighty Men, and of Horses, and their Riders. And this is called The Supper of the Great God, to which the Angel standing in the Sun calls them. The Angel standing in the Sun may be some Leader of the *Jews* ten Tribes, who are called to this Supper like the Birds, who came after a Slaughter; or the Angel *Michael*, Dan. 12th. The Beast and his false Prophet, who pretends to Miracles, will be taken by the Angels, and cast alive into a burning Lake of Fire. This Beast must be some of that Successors of the second Beast, called the Image of the first, and the false Prophet named before the Battle at *Armageddon*, ch. 16. as well as here, ch. 19. Therefore the Beast is only weaken'd by the Plagues, but here burnt. And neither the Beast, nor the false Prophet can be the Popedom, which is destroyed in ch. 17. and ch. 18. before the coming of Christ; and Antichrist must continue till Christ's second Coming, which is described in this Chapter. And this is the second Coming of *Gog*, before the Millennium: As is described *Zachary* 14, where Christ fights against him by an Earthquake. *Daniel* says, Dan. 7. v. 11. the Beast was slain, and his Body given to the burning flame, and his Dominion to the Son of Man, 2 Theff. ch. 2. whom the Lord will consume with the Spirit of his Mouth; and with the brightness of his Coming. The *Sibyl*-Oracles call it a Fire from Heaven, or a burning Storm. The Eastern People keep their Marriage Feasts at Supper. At this time all the Tribes of the *Jews* will return, and be converted by these signal Judgments, and the second Coming of Christ. And *Daniel*, ch. 12. v. 7. says, when he shall have accomplished the Dispersion of his holy People, all things shall be known,

known, or fulfilled. And Antichrist's Reign must continue for *a Time, Times, and a half*, Dan. ch. 12. and ch. 7. in both those Chapters, the Time of Antichrist's Kingdom is delivered. And therefore the whole History of Antichrist's Rise and Fall is described, Dan. ch. 11th. as well as ch. 7. in all 1260 *Hegiras*; which make 1220 *Julian* Years: And there are passed since *Mahomet's Hegira* began 1125, and there remain about 95 Years, when the Antichristian Kingdom will begin to fall by the seven Plagues.

If we suppose that 666 is the Time of the Rise of the *Mahomedan* Empire, and add 1220 *Julian* Years to it, it will make 1886.

C H A P. XX.

The Devil is bound a Thousand Years ; then is the first Resurrection, and first Judgment. And after the Reign of Christ a Thousand Years, then Gog and Magog are Destroyed ; and then will be the Resurrection of the Wicked, and the last Judgment.

AN Angel binds Satan for a Thousand Years, and casts him into the bottomless Pit, and shuts him up, that he might not deceive, during the Thousand Years ; by setting up any False Religion, such as the Whore's, and *Mahomet's*.

Since the Angel came from Heaven, and brought the Key of the Pit with him, that Pit must be within our Earth ; and the Devil must be chained in some particular Place, as a Prison.

Then Thrones were set for the first Judgment of the Just ; for the Wicked were destroyed by the Fire which Christ brought with him out of the four Empires, which are to be subject to the Saints.

Afterwards, they who were Beheaded for being Witnesses of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the Beast, neither his Image, were raised from Death to live in their Bodies ; and they Reigned with Christ a Thousand Years. All the Martyrs for the Word of God, are those that suffered in the first Persecutions by the *Jews*, and *Pagan* Emperors ; and they who suffered under the Whore, or Antichristian Beast.

These were to Govern during the *Millennium* ; and to these the Kingdom is given, *Dan. 7th*. And this blessed State will belong to all Holy Men to have their part in this first Resurrection, for they shall be Priests of God, and of Christ. And in *ch. 2. and 3. of the Revelations*, all the Rewards are promised by the Spirit at this time ; and all good Men have their Names writ in the *Book of Life* ;
and

and then will receive their Double, for all their Losses in this Life; and they as Wheat must be gathered by the Angels into the Barns, when the Tares are burnt by them; and Christ is to be Judge of them that are Holy, and them alive, as well as of the Dead. The four Beasts and twenty four Elders must Reign on the Earth at this time; and where the Martyrs are Kings, other Holy Men must be Subjects of their Kingdom.

At the Time of this *Millennium*, all wicked Livers will be excluded out of this Kingdom. The Angels will gather out of it, all that so offend, and all Tares; that is, they who entertained Heretical Doctrines, and separated from the true Church shall be burnt; as the Wicked will be by the Angels: Then the Creation will be restored to that State it had when *Adam* lived in Paradise.

The Curse altered the Earth without destroying it; and a Paradisiacal State of our Earth may be renewed without making a new Earth.

All Prophetick Times will terminate in the *Millennium*; therefore the time of its Duration, a Thousand Years, must be understood literally. In *ch. 16. v. 20.* 'tis said, That every Island fled away, and the Mountains were not found; and the Cities of the Gentiles fell. These Alterations will be made by the Earthquake; and the same will be made about *Jerusalem* by the Earthquake. *Zach. 14. And living Waters shall rise in Jerusalem.*

The Trees will afford Fruits for Diet, without any Labour, but the Dressing of the Garden like *Eden*; and all the Wicked that remain will be *Gog*, in the four Corners of the Earth, out of the Empires. *Ezek. 47.* mentions the Trees for Meat, and the River for Fish; which came forth of his Temple in the *Millennium*: And these may be for Diet in that State.

After the Thousand Years are ended, Satan will be loosed out of Prison, and he shall deceive the Nations, called *Gog* and *Magog*, to gather them from the four Quarters of the Earth. *Arabia* in the South; *Tartary* in the North; *China* in the East, or *India*: *Africa* in the West. All these in number, like the Sand of the Sea, encompass the Camp of the Saints about, and the beloved City *Jerusalem*; and then they are destroyed by Fire from Heaven, and the Devil is cast into the Lake of Fire, to be tormented for ever. This *Gog* and *Magog* may be the Remains of the Old *Mahomedans*, who then will possess *Tartary*, *India*, *Arabia*, *Aethiopia*; and these think they can destroy all the Saints, as the Devil

Devil had suggested to them : And *Gog* endeavours to destroy their new-built City *Jerusalem*, a third time, *v. 5*. The rest of the Dead lived not again till the Thousand Years were finished, then will be the Resurrection of the Wicked to come to Judgment ; for which End a great white Throne will be placed, and Christ will Sit on it, from whose Face the Earth and Heavens fled away, and were not found ; they were burnt by Fire. Then *the Dead, small and great, stood before Christ ; and the Books, or Records of their Lives were opened ; and the Dead were judged out of those Things which were writ in them : According to their works, they were judged, and whosoever was not found writ in the Book of Life, was cast into the Lake of Fire.*

In One Book there is recorded all the good and evil Works of Men ; in the other are only enrolled the Names of them who were to live in the new Heaven, and new Earth. And at the Time of this second Judgment, the Righteous will be caught up into the Air with Christ, and placed on his Right Hand, and the Wicked on his Left ; and he will change the Bodies of his Saints to be like his ; and then pronounces, *Come ye blessed, and Go ye cursed ;* and then there shall be no more Death, that is, Separation of Soul and Body, nor *Hades*, or Place to receive their Souls ; that will be burnt with the Earth, by the Sun, which will burn up our World, and was prepared from the beginning for a Hell for wicked Angels and Men. All the Planets and Stars will also be burnt by the Sun, which were the *Hades* of just Men ; and then this present World will be the place of Hell Fire, and this will be without the new Heaven and Earth, *ch. 22. v. 15.*

C H A P. XXI.

*A Description of a New Heaven and Earth,
and New Jerusalem in it.*

THE first Heaven and Earth being burnt, the Sea must be destroyed, and a new Heaven and Earth will be produced without a Sea, out of the old Earth. By its Conflagration, Fire melts both Earth and Metals into a glassy Substance, like precious Jewels.

Afterwards, a Holy City called *Jerusalem*, came down from God, out of Heaven, very much adorned, like a Bride for a Husband. This is the Tabernacle that will be amongst the Saints in the new Heaven and Earth; and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his People.

In this new Heaven and Earth, there shall be no Death, nor Sorrow, nor Pain. Those Things are past: All Things are made new by Christ, who sits on his Throne to do it. These Words are faithful and true, that is, shall certainly come to pass: And 'tis said, *It is done*. All things are come to pass.

Christ is *Alpha* and *Omega*, the *Beginning and End*; he will give to him that desires it, or thirsts, the Fountain of Life freely; that is, Eternal Life in the new Heaven and Earth; and he that overcometh (the Whore, and Anti-christ) shall inherit all things: *And I will be his God, and he shall be my Son*. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the Abominable, and Murderers, and Whoremongers, and Sorcerers, and Idolaters, and all Liars, shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire, and brimstone. All these are excluded from the new Heaven and new Earth.

And afterwards, one of the seven Angels shewed St. John the glorious *Jerusalem*, called the *Bride* or *Lamb's Wife*. And this descended from Heaven into the new Earth.

This holy *Jerusalem* has the Glory of God in it; and that was like a Jasper in Splendor, and clear as Crystal. The City had a great and high Wall, with twelve Gates, and at the Gates twelve Angels. The Names of the twelve Tribes were written on the Gates, and on the Foundations the

the Names of the twelve Apostles ; *The building of the Wall was of Jasper, and the City pure Gold, like unto clear Glass. The twelve Gates were Pearls ; the twelve Foundations of the Wall garnished with precious Stones. No Structure could be more Glorious than this heavenly City built by Christ for the Reward of the twelve Tribes, in the first place ; and other Nations were to walk in the light of it, and other Kings of the new Earth will bring their glory and honour into it. The Glory of God does enlighten this City, and the Lamb is the Light thereof ; there shall be no Night there, nor the Gates shut ; there will be no Temple in the new Heaven and Earth ; because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are there present, as the Temple of it ; therefore the Priests only praise God, and none shall be admitted that worketh Abominations, or makes a Lye ; that is, teaches any false Worship, or that defileth.*

Ch. 22. *A pure River runs out of the Throne of God, and the Lamb. This is the Water of Life, clear as Crystal, on each side the tree of Life, which bears twelve manner of Fruits, and yielded her Fruit every Month ; and Leaves of the Tree were for διατέλειαν familiarium of the Gentiles, Luk. 12. 42. Eternal Life flows from God like a River, and is like the Eating of the Tree of Life in Eden. Psal. 36, v. 8th. Thou shalt give them drink of Pleasures, as out of the River. v. 9. For with thee is the Well of Life ; and in thy Light shall we see Light. David compares the Pleasures of Heaven to such a River.*

There shall be no more Curse ; that is, Men shall sin no more, nor the new Earth be cursed for it ; all will Serve him, because the Throne of God and the Lamb shall be there, and they shall see his Face, and his Name will be in their Foreheads ; and they shall Reign for ever and ever. The Figure of this Holy City is four-square ; the Length, and Breadth, and the Height of the City are equal, by the Angels measure. This City is not *Ezekiel's*, that is built on our Earth, and 'tis only a Figure of this heavenly City, built in the new Earth, whose Author and Founder is God ; *Isai. ch. 54. v. 11, 12, I will lay Stones with fair Colours, and thy Foundation with Saphirs : And he describes this City as God's Wife, v. 5. Thy maker is thy Husband. This may relate to the New Jerusalem in the Millennium, or in this new Earth. And Tobit 13. v. 21, The Gates of Jerusalem shall be built with Saphir Stones, and the Smaragdus, and the compass of its Walls of every precious Stone.*

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This City had no need of the Sun, nor Moon, because the Lord God gives them Light by his Glory, therefore there will be no time in this Kingdom of God and the Lamb, but both will have their Thrones in it for ever; only the Months will be known by *the Tree of Life bearing Fruit every Month.*

There will be Kings of Nations in this new Heaven and Earth, whose Imploy is to bring their Glory and Honour into this City, and come thither to worship God and the Lamb; *Matth. 19. When the Son of Man shall sit on the Throne of his Glory, you shall also sit on twelve Thrones judging, that is, governing the twelve Tribes of Israel;* and at last, in the end of the *Millennium*, Christ shall give up that Kingdom into the Hands of his Father, *1 Cor. 17.* But yet his Throne will be in this new Heaven and Earth, as well as that of God; and the Lamb is the Light thereof. The *Jews* will be preferred in this new Earth, their Names are on the twelve Gates, the Apostles will govern them, and they must enjoy the twelve manner of Fruits, but the Leaves of the Tree are for the Nations use.

These Sayings are Faithful and True; they are no Symbols, but literally true. These things must surely be done, as the Angel hath related, by the Command of God, who inspired the former Prophets. Blessed is he who observeth these Prophecies. Christ will come quickly to perform what *St. John* heard and saw; and then he fell down to worship the Angel, who forbade him, because he was one of his fellow Servants, and of his Brethren the Prophets. These Prophecies are not to be sealed, because the Time was at hand of some of them, and he pronounced him *blessed* that does Christ's Commands, that he may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in thro' the Gates, into the City; *for without are Dogs, Sorcerers, Whoremongers, Idolaters; and whosoever loveth and maketh a Lye.* Christ will come quickly to give to every one according to his Works. *Jesus hath sent his Angel to testifie these Things to the Churches.*

I observe, that this new Earth will have but two Elements, the Earth, and Æther. There will be no Sea, and consequently no Rivers, nor Springs, which usually make a Sea, by running into it; therefore the clear River of Life proceeding from the Throne of God, and the Lamb, must be taken Metaphorically, as well as the Tree of Life; for *Verse 17. Chap. 22.* 'tis said, *Let him take the Waters of Life freely.* And *chap. 7. v. 17.* *The Lamb shall lead them to living*

living Fountains of Water. By the Water and Trees is represented an eternal Duration, depending on God's Throne or Power; for then Mens glorified Bodies will want neither Food nor Drink to nourish them: and the Earth being melted, can yield no Vegetables; and there being no Moon to divide Time into Months, and no different Seasons of the Year, which depend on the Motion of the Earth, or Sun; there will be no Sorrow or Uneasiness of Mind, nor Pain of Body, both enjoy the greatest Tranquillity; our Eyes will behold the most ravishing Objects, the Face of God, and Christ; and our Ears charmed with heavenly Songs, and Musick; all shall serve him, and reign for ever and ever; the Fluids in our Body will be ethereal, or light, the solid Parts like precious Stones, or Gold, immortal, there being no Fire or Water, to burn or drown this New Creation; and there can be no marine or terrestrial Enemies for Food, or Sacrifice, or any use to Men, as in this World, but Men and Angels will live together, under the Form of an Angelical Kingdom, in glorious Bodies like Christ's. *Rev. ch. 1.*

The First Remark.

The Usefulness of the Reading and Explaining the Prophecies in the Revelations.

1. **W**E may observe, that they agree with the old Prophets, *Isaiah, Daniel, Ezechiel, Zechariah,* and *Esdra's* two Books, and the *Sibylline Oracles*; and therefore confirm the Truth of the Christian Religion.
2. They shew the glorious State of Christ after his Ascension into Heaven, described in *ch. 1.* and his Care of the seven Churches, by promising Rewards in the *Millennium* to his Servants the Bishops, and threatening Punishments for ill Doctrines or wicked Practices, *ch. 2. & 3.*
3. God Almighty is described on a glorious Throne in Heaven, with those Saints about him who were raised from the Dead at our Saviour's Resurrection, they being redeemed from the Earth, *viz. the four Beasts, and twenty four Elders,* and an innumerable Company of Angels about the Throne, *giving Glory, and Honour, and Thanks to him that sits on the Throne, who created all things for his Pleasure.*
4. The Lamb receives from God his Decrees concerning the *Roman Empire,* and his Church, and the same Honour is paid to the Lamb as to God, by all the Saints and Angels, *Blessing, Glory, Honour, and Power be unto him that sitteth on the Throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever, ch. 5.*
5. The Lamb opens the Decrees concerning the *Roman Empire,* represented by four Horses, and at last he executes God's and his own Wrath on them, when that great Day comes. By this we see that Christ is made *King of Kings,* or *Prince of the Kings of the Earth, ch. 1.* and now governs all Kingdoms, *all Power being given him in Heaven and Earth, ch. 6.*
6. The State of separate Souls is represented by the Souls of them that were slain under the Altar, *and white Robes were given to them, and it was told them, that they should rest*

rest a while, *ch. 6.* And in *ch. 7.* we find others sealed both *Jews and Gentiles*, added to the former in their separate State, and they were clothed with white Robes, and Palms in their Hands, who ascribe their Salvation to God, and the Lamb; they serve him Day and Night in his Temple: This is the Imployment of separate Souls, *ch. 7.* And in *ch. 12.* the Man-child, the first Western Christians, was caught up to God, and his Throne; therefore the Hades of the Just is amongst the Stars. And *ch. 11.* the two slain Witnesses ascended up to Heaven in a Cloud.

7. God imployes the seven Angels, who stand before his Throne, to raise seven new Heads in the *Roman Empire*, by several Invasions; therefore they are now concerned in the Revolutions in all Kingdoms, and seven Angels execute his Wrath on the *Saracens*, *ch. 14.* And these Seven pour out the last Plagues, *ch. 16.* on the *Ottomans*; and a glorious Angel comes from Heaven, *ch. 18.* at the Fall of *Rome*, and an Angel delivers these Prophecies to St. *John*, *ch. 1.* and *ch. 10.* the little Book.

8. *Ch. 9.* is the Rise of the *Mahomedan Empire*, which is Antichrist, which is to be governed by the *Saracens* and *Turks*. And *ch. 11.* is the Oppression of the Eastern Church by that Empire, which, *ver. 7.* is called the Beast that ascended out of the bottomless Pit. The *Saracens* are slain, *ch. 14.* and the *Ottomans*, *ch. 16.* and 13. The *Saracens* are the wounded Head; *ch. 13.* the *Ottomans* the second Beast. These Prophecies relate to the present State of the Eastern Church, now under the *Turks*, and the past History of the *Mahomedan Empire* agrees with these Prophecies, and has lasted above 1100 *Hegiras*.

9. *Ch. 12.* describes the Rise of the Whore by the twelve Stars, representing her Supremacy over all Churches, and by the Wings of the Eagle her Imperial Power, for which she is drove into the Wilderness. And *ch. 17.* represents her Cruelty and Abominations, and her raising the Western Empire to ride on: At last the Judgments on her, *ch. 18.* by burning her City. Both Eastern and Western Churches suffer, for worshipping Saints, and Angels, and Reliques, &c. And I have often conjectured, that the Destruction of *Constantinople*, which was the most remarkable that ever happened for Effusion of Blood; is described *ch. 14.* after the Fall of the *Saracen Empire*; *ver. 17.* by another Angel that came out of the Temple, and by another Angel that came out from the Altar, which had Power over

Fire, and by his Sickle he gathered the Clusters of the Vine of the Earth, and cast them into the great Wine-press of the Wrath of God; and the Wine-press was trod without the City, and Blood came up to the Horses Bridles, by the space of 1600 Furlongs. *Mahomet the Great*, A. D. 1453. made extreme Slaughters, both without and in the City, of innumerable Christians, who are called the Vine of the Earth: It was destroyed by Fire-Arms. And this is intimated by the Angel, who had Power over Fire; or else this Vintage may be explained by the *Ottomans* Destruction in *Hungary* of many Christians. And *Solyman* lost 80000 *Turks* at the Siege of *Vienna* 1522. and at the last Siege, 1683. as many: And since two Armies defeated by Prince *Eugene*, 1716 and 1717. at *Belgrade* near that City. Either this Slaughter, or that of the Christians in the Holy War, are the Vintage.

10. The Return of the *Jews* two Tribes is intimated by singing *Moses* Song, *ch.* 15. And this agrees with all the old Prophecies; and this will happen before the last Fall of the Popedom, and *Ottoman* Empire: but the Return of the ten Tribes is after them, as is described in *Esdra's*, *ch.* 13.

11. The second Coming of Christ is described *ch.* 14. to destroy the *Ottoman* Beast, and his false Prophet, *Muhdi*, according to the *Turkish* Tradition. He will then appear, and this second Coming of Christ may now as well and as certainly be computed by the 42 Months, and 1260 Prophetick Days, or Years; as the first Coming of Christ was computed by *Daniel's* 70 Weeks, or *Jacob's* departing of the Scepter: The Day and Year cannot be known, but the Century may by the Prophecies. Before Christ the Computation might be made from different Decrees of the Emperors, and the Scepter departed in *Pompey's*, as well as *Herod's* Days.

12. The glorious State of the Church in the *Millennium*, comprehends these Particulars.

1st, The Devil is committed to a Prison, that the Christian Church may have no Tares sowed to make Divisions, or be deceived to practise Idolatry, nor be persecuted by Wars, or oppressed by the Whore, and Antichrist; for these things the Devil is Author of, and for these will be condemned to a Lake of Fire after the *Millennium*.

2^{dly}, The just Men will be raised to reign with Christ 1000 Years: This will be the first Resurrection, and first Judgment, by Christ.

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3dly, At the End of the *Millennium*, the Wicked will rise, and be judged : This is the second Resurrection, and last Judgment ; and their being thrown into a Lake of Fire, when this World will be burnt, is called their second Death.

13. The new Heavens, and the new Earth, are the last and happiest State of Mankind ; their Bodies will be then changed like Christ's, their new Earth very glorious ; a most shining City will be enlightned by the Glory of God, and Christ on their Thrones : And this happy State will be eternal, without Sorrow, Pain, or Curse. For this perfect State, Men are prepared in this World by Faith, and a vertuous Life, their Souls in a separate State are instructed by the Angels in their Knowledge of God, and his wonderful Mercies to Mankind, and a more affectionate Service of God. When our Souls are again restored to their Bodies in the *Millennium*, they will attain the highest Perfection of their compound Natures, in Purity of Heart, and Thoughts, in exact Obedience to Christ, and Duty to their Neighbours, and then the Just will be exactly fitted and prepared for their most happy State in the new Heaven and Earth. St. Paul, 2 Cor. ch. 5. mentions this Building of God, *not made with Hands, eternal, in the Heavens*, which is to succeed the Dissolution of this Earth, and that we must groan, and desire to be clothed with this House from Heaven. This St. Paul calls *Jerusalem* above in his Allegory. These are the wonderful *Arcana* of the Christian Religion, concerning the different States of Men after this Life ; they will first be placed under the Altar in Heaven, that is, amongst the first Stars, or Planets, which are the heavenly Mansions of Angels ; and thence be brought to the Earth, and from thence translated after the *Millennium*, to a new Earth, and the most glorious City, *New Jerusalem*. Are not these things worth our Considering ? Are not the Transactions of God, and Christ, and Angels in Heaven, worth our Reading ? Will it not comfort us in all Revolutions and Oppressions, that Christ will come quickly ? Are not they blessed that read, and they that hear the Words of this Prophecy, and keep those things which are written in this Book, ch. 2. and 3. Is not St. John forbid to seal up these Prophecies, for the time is at hand, and by the past Histories they may be understood, without the Help of an Angel, now the time of their Completion draws nigher than in former Ages. These

Reasons have occasioned my long Study of these Prophecies, and I have here given my last Thoughts concerning the plain Meaning, or History to which the Symbols relate; and I found it convenient to alter some Opinions I had entertained, before I had thorowly considered all Circumstances relating to each Vision. I have farther explained the separate State of Souls, in a particular Essay on that Subject, and in another on the second Coming of Christ, given a fuller Description of the *Millennary Kingdom* of Christ on Earth, and the Exclusion of all Hereticks, as well as Subjects of Antichrist, and the Whore out of it; and also there more fully described the blessed State of the new Earth and new Heaven, as part of the Heaven of Heavens, being without Stars, and enlightened by the Glory of God, the Throne of God and the Lamb being in the new Heaven; and God lives in an inaccessible Height: The *Millennary Kingdom* is a Type of the Heavenly that will succeed it. And the *Millennary Kingdom* of Christ must be carefully distinguished from that of God and Christ, in the new Heaven and new Earth. In the *Millennium* there is Sun, and Moon, and starry Heavens, Earth, and Seas, but all restored to their primitive State in *Adam's Paradise*; and this State must last but 1000 Years: But in the new Heaven and Earth, there will be neither Sun, nor Moon, nor Sea, nor Air, nor Fire, nor Atmosphere, only *Aether*, and the Earth refined by Melting, and the Bodies glorious as the Stars or Firmament; but they, during the *Millennium*, will be Flesh and Blood, preserved by eating the Tree of Life, from dying or decay. The Mountains will be thrown down by an Earthquake: *Joel* says, there will be *new Wine, Milk*, and Plenty of *Water*, *ch. 3. ver. 18*. And *Ezekiel* mentions *Fish*, and *Fruits*, and these may be the Diet in the *Millennium*: And the new-raised Saints will be clothed in white Robes, as they were in their separate State. And the heavenly State is to last for ever and ever, this being after the Conflagration of this World, but the *Millennium* before it. Ought we not often to think of these glorious States, to encourage us to a vertuous Life, and to study this Prophecy, which does so fully promise and describe them? These things are faithfully and truly represented to *St. John*, and he was so much pleased with what the Angel had delivered, that he fell down to worship him, but that was forbid, and then he only prayed, *Come Lord Jesus,*
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who said he would *come quickly*: And every good Christian daily prays, *Thy Kingdom come*. The Apostle saith, *The Lord is at hand*; and yet *a little while*, and he that cometh will come, and will not tarry, Heb. 10. ver. 37.

All things delivered in the *Revelations* to the end of *ch. 14.* are already past, except the slaying the two Witnesses, *ch. 10.* and their smiting the Earth with Plagues. The next things expected are the burning of *Rome*, the Return of the two Tribes: since 1517, was the War with the Lamb, the Persecution of the Protestants by Wars.

The Second Remark.

The Chronology of the Symbolical History in the Revelations.

A. D. 96. **F**IRST of all the *Roman* Empire.
 St. John writ the *Revelations*, A. D. 95. or 96. in *Domitian's* Reign.

100. The first Horse *Trajan*, who represents all the *Pagan* Emperors till *Constantine*.

306. The second Horse, who represents all the Christian Emperors at *Constantinople*, till the *Saracens*, and those after them till their Destruction.

622. The third Horse, *Mahomet* and his *Saracens*, till the *Ottoman* Empire.

1300. The fourth Horse, the *Ottoman* Empire, until the second Coming of Christ.

324. The Destruction of the first Horse, or *Pagan* Empire, by *Constantine*, under the sixth Seal.

1260. The Destruction of the third Horse, the *Saracens*, by the Harvest, and *Tartars*.

1453. The Destruction of the second Horse by the *Ottomans*, *Mahomet the Great*, the Vintage.

1898. The Destruction of the fourth Horse, or *Ottomans*, by Christ, and the ten Tribes, *ch. 19*.

313. *Diocletian's* Persecution ends, and the Martyrs complain: The Number of the sealed *Jews*, and Multitude added to them, *ch. 7*.

2^{dly}, The Rise of the crowned Heads, three are above named, that were in the East; 1. *Constantinopolitan* Emperors. 2. The *Saracens*. 3. The *Turks*.

In the West four crowned Heads.

410. The *Goths*, or *Lombards*, 568.

455. *Vandals*, *Genferic* then took *Rome*: 412. The *Vist-goths* in *Spain*.

420. *Franckes* in the Kingdom of *France*.

476. The last Western Emperors destroyed.

606. *Popedom*, and its Flight into the Wilderness.

700. 3dly, The New Form of the *Roman* Empire, with the 7 Heads, and 10 Dominions, or the first Beast, *ch. 13.*

720. The wounded Head of the *Saracen* Beast, like a Lyon, *ch. 13.*

800. The Western Empire new raised by the Popedom.

1057. The second Beast with two Horns, *Babylon* taken.

1097. The Harvest, or the *Saracens* killed in the Holy War.

1218. The Everlasting Gospel.

1453. The Vintage, *Constantinople* taken.

4thly, Future Events.

1782. The two Tribes Return of the *Jewish* Nation.

1882. The seven Plagues, or Vials begin, and the first war with *Gog* at *Armageddon*.

1849. or 1746. The Judgment on the Whore, or first Fall, burning by the Beast and ten Horns.

1866. Second Fall, by Piracy of the *Mahomedans*.

1898. The Coming of Christ to destroy *Gog*, or Anti-christ, on the white Horse, and ten Tribes return, and the two Witnesses slain, 1901.

2000. The *Millennium* begins.

3000. The last Judgment of the Wicked, and *Gog* slain the third time, by Fire from Heaven, and the World burnt.

The Years 1898 are thus computed: *Jerusalem* is taken by the *Saracens* 638; to which add 1260, the Years it must be given to the *Gentiles*. And *Daniel* says this War must last from the taking away the daily Sacrifice 1290 Days. This is the last Siege by *Gog*, *Zach. 14.* when Christ comes to stand on Mount *Sion*; and the City is taken, the two Witnesses slain, at the end of that War 1901. The two Eastern Churches were conquered by the *Saracens*, 641, to which if we add 1260, the time of the slaying the two Witnesses is 1901; and they had continued to inflict the seven Plagues from 1882 to 1898, the beginning of the last War with *Gog*: So the seven Vials will be poured out in sixteen Years. After the ten Tribes return, they will divide their Land as *Ezekiel* directs, and the Devil will be bound; the Temple for the *Millennium* finished, the Wicked destroyed out of the Saints Kingdom, and all the Saints gathered into it: All these things may well be compleated in 2000 Years after Christ, and the Dead raised and judged, before they can reign 1000 Years. The utmost time I can compute from these, is by adding *Daniel's* 1335 Days, as so many Years, to the taking *Jerusalem* by the *Saracens*, and that was *A. D.* 638, which will make 1973; then, or near that time,

time, the *Millennium* will begin. Since the two Tribes will return before the Vials 1882, and before the Whore is judged 1866, and they must build their City and Temple; we may conjecture, that so many things cannot be done under one Century, before the Vials 1882 begin, and they will comprehend the Battel of *Armageddon*, and end in Christ's second Coming. Thus we may well conjecture, that the *Jews* will return 1782, and the City of *Rome* be burnt by the Beast, and ten Horns, in the same Century, when Wars shall happen in *Italy*; for there must be some time before the second Fall, that the Angel may call People out of it; and the two Tribes cannot return out of *Europe* till *Rome's* first Fall, when there will be a time of great Confusion in all Nations, such as *Daniel* describes, *ch. 12*. I cannot pretend to know by the Prophecies, the exact Year and Day of any of the Revolutions, because the Computation may be made by *Lunar*, or *Julian* Years; and the Birth of Christ and *Mahomet* may be uncertain, as well as the Time whence we must compute 1260 Years. Therefore to him who will compute Futurities, half a Century must be allowed, because of the Uncertainty of Chronology and Histories, and the Varieties of Computations that may be made in most Prophecies of *Daniel*, as well as *St. John*. All I pretend to, is to guess at the Century, when such Events will be expected; and that the *Jews* did by their Prophecies, when they expected the first Coming of Christ, near 60 Years before it. The City *Rome*, under the Pope, is the Whore, and the Pope had it under his Subjection *A. D.* 589, to which if we add 1260, the first Fall of *Rome* will be 1849; but if we reckon the Popedom from the Fall of the Western Empire, 476, and add 1260 to it, *Rome's* first Fall will be 1736. 'Tis probable *Rome* will first lose its Civil Jurisdiction, then be burnt, and at last be destroyed by Pyrates, in the three several Computations mention'd.

The Third Remark.

The Papists say, that 'tis Rome Pagan, or a future State of Rome, which is described ch. 17. of the Revelations; they cannot deny, that by the seven Mountains, the City of Rome is described: But these Reasons will prove, that Rome Pagan is not described by the great Whore.

1. **B**Ecause 'tis the State of *Rome* after the Division of its Empire into ten Horns, mention'd in *Daniel*; and then the Heathen Emperors had been destroyed by *Constantine* 320, and the Horns had been rising from 400 to 600.

2. The Destruction of Heathen *Rome* is plainly described, *ch. 12.* by the War betwixt *Michael* and the red Dragon, and *ver. 10.* the Voice in Heaven said, *Now is come Salvation, and Strength, and the Kingdom of God, and the Power of his Christ: Ver. 11.* And they overcame him, by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of his Testimony.

3. The City of *Rome* was not then burnt, so as never to be rebuilt, (as in *ch. 18.*) when the *Pagan* Emperors were destroyed.

4. The *Pagan* Emperors were not rid by the City, nor raised by it; the Eastern Emperors continued till 1453, and did not submit to the Pope's Authority, or City of *Rome*, therefore 'tis *Rome* Christian who rid or governed the Western Emperors, and he raised them *A. D.* 800. and none did that but the Popedom. The History of the Popedom shews how much the Popes insulted the *German* Empire.

5. This Woman is a City, which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth, and her Royal Seat is on seven Mountains; therefore

therefore this Woman is a Kingdom, which will last 1260 Years, *Rev.* 12.

6. This City is a Whore clothed in Scarlet, and hath made the Kings of the Earth drunk with the Wine of her Fornication, that is, hath corrupted their Religion. No *Pagan* Emperors could do this, none but the Pope, and therefore is called the Great Whore; no *Pagan* Emperor put twelve Stars on his Head, and fled into the Wilderness, and was persecuted by the red Dragon, but the Popedom, described *ch.* 12. and 7. The Woman's Name has a Mystery, that is, 'tis a Symbol of a Spiritual Empire in the City of *Rome*, and this can be none but the Popedom, governing the Western Emperors, and ten Kingdoms. In the West, by the Woman is signified a Church, and a Whore is a corrupt Church; *The Dragon stood before the Woman, who was ready to be delivered, to devour her Child*: By this we are certain, that by a Woman, and a Whore, must a Church be understood; *And her Child was caught up unto God*, *Rev.* 12 *ver.* 4, 5. This cannot relate to a *Pagan* City, but a Christian.

7. This Whore raised many Persecutions, and was drunk with the Blood of the Saints, and made War with the Lamb: At this *St. John* would not have wonder'd, if it had been a *Pagan* City; but since the Beast that carries her, was, and is not, and yet is, this cannot be a Description of any other Emperors, who are called the Beasts, but the Western Emperors, raised by the Popedom.

8. The Beast and ten Horns shall hate the Whore, or City, and burn her; this will be done in this Century, or the next at farthest.

The Papists second Evasion is, that Antichrist is a Man, that shall reign and conquer, and kill *Enoch* and *Elias*, the two Witnesses, who are to come from Paradise to preach, and therefore were sent thither to be preserved alive: *Tertullian* and *St. Ambrose* held this Opinion; *Hilarius* calls the two Witnesses *Moses* and *Elias*; *Chrysostom* and *Beda* mention *Elias*, but not *Enoch*. The Papists retain these Notions of the old *Greek* Church, in their Exposition of the *Revelations*; tho' it seems very improbable, that they should come to be slain after their long Stay in Paradise: and no Text can prove this.

Methodius, the Bishop of *Patara*, asserts, that *Elias* shall come, and *Enoch*, to oppose the Cheats of Antichrist, and his Miracles; who will be born of the Tribe of *Dan*, and reign in the *East*, and kill *Enoch* and *Elias*. This *Methodius* lived in the

the time of the *Commeni*, and calls the *Saracens Daniel's Brachium Australe*, King of the *South*; and that out of *Gog* Antichrist must rise, and be the King of the *North*, and Antichrist shall be born after the taking of *Joppa*, that is, after the Holy War; and we know that then the *Ottoman* Empire began. This is the old Opinion of the *Greek Church*, but now they believe that the *Turk* is Antichrist, as *Metrophanes Critopulus* affirms.

That Antichrist is a Kingdom, and not a Conqueror, these Reasons will prove.

1. *Daniel's* little Horn is the Kingdom of Antichrist, for he says the Judgment shall sit to take away his Dominion, he will make War with the Saints, and conquer three Kings, and change Times and Laws. And *Dan. ch. 11.* gives the History of the Rise, and Battels, and Conquests of the Kings of the *North*, which will be the Antichrist. And *Rev. 11.* says the two Witnesses will be slain by the Beast that rose out of the bottomless Pit. *Rev. 9.* and these two Witnesses are two Churches in the *East*, where they must be slain, because their Carcasses must lie in the Streets of the City where Christ was crucified, and that City must be trod down 42 Months. This the Antichristian Beast must do, and by a Beast is always understood in *Daniel* and the *Revelations* an Empire, and not any Man. *Dan. 7. ver. 11.* calls the little Horn Beast.

2. *Rev. 16. ver. 10.* 'tis said, the Kingdom of the Beast was full of *Darkness*; and this is the second Beast, *ch. 13.* who exerciseth the Power of the first Beast, which was not the fourth Empire in *Daniel*, as may be known by his ten Horns; but the wounded Head, that must be *Daniel's* little Horn, and at last had two Horns, both these are Beasts, and are mention'd *ch. 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 19.* All those Transactions, mention'd in so many Chapters, cannot be the Actions of one Man, or one Age. And *ch. 19.* the Beast had Armies and Kings to fight Christ and his Saints; the little Horn is a Kingdom, as well as the ten Horns ten Kingdoms.

3. The Time of Antichrist's Kingdom, described *Dan. 11.* is declared *Dan. 12.* these Wonders shall continue for a time, times, and a half. This is called 42 Months, *ch. 11.* and this is the Duration of the Antichristian Empire; but if this be but three Years and a half, 'tis an absurd Computation for a Kingdom, of the *North* and *South* Kings, *Dan. 11.* And that Chapter contains many Battels betwixt those Kings, and their Conquest in the *East*; who must sit there
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in the House of God. *Gog* and *Magog* are esteemed to be Antichrist, and are destroyed at the Siege of *Jerusalem*, *Zach. ch. 12.* *Ezekiel* describes *Gog* as chief Prince of *Meshech and Tebal*, *ch. 39.* And this is he of whom God spake by the Prophets, that is Antichrist.

Since Days are put for Years in other Prophecies, it is reasonable to believe that 1260 Days are so many Years of Antichrist's Kingdom; and if it be a Kingdom, one Man cannot be Antichrist, tho' the first and last Emperors may be most wicked, and remarkable for Cruelty and Pride; the first was a false Prophet, and the last will have another false one, to work Miracles to deceive the *Mahomedans*.

These are the Signs which the *Mahomedans* say will appear before the last Judgment.

1. The coming of *Degghier*, or Antichrist.
2. The Descent of Christ to conquer him.
3. The Nativity of *Muhdi*, the Director of the Stock of *Mahomet*, who will agree with Christ, and Christ will approve of his Religion, and marry his Daughter, and then shall be one Religion for forty Years.
4. The coming of *Gog* and *Magog* the *Scythians*, who shall be less than Ants, and they shall drink up all Rivers, and Men shall dye with Thirst. *Ali*, as Mr. *Ockely* relates, has writ a famous Piece in mysterious Characters, intermixed with Figures, wherein are couched all the grand Events, that are to happen from the beginning of *Muslanism*, to the end of the World; the Explication of which is reserved for the 12th *Imam*, who is surnamed *Mohdi*, or the grand Director.

By this Account it appears, that the *Turks* expect another Prophet of *Mahomet's* Religion and Family, and he is the false Prophet described in the *Revelations*, who will work Miracles before the last Beast, and then be cast into the Lake of Fire, *Rev. 23.* and *Zachariah's* false Prophet, *ch. 13.*

He that will turn *Mahometan* or *Mussulman*, has a Turbant put on his Head, and this is the Mark in his Forehead, and an Arrow is put into his Hand, and this he must receive, *erecto digito indice*, and this is the Mark in his Hand; and when any Jew or Christian turns *Mahomedan*, they hold up their Finger, and then they are carried to Circumcision; the Mark of the Beast is when they profess that God is one, and *Mahomet* is his Prophet: And this is the Inscription of *Mahomet's* Seal, the Character of the Beast, or *Mahomet's* Empire.

4. *Esdra's* second Book, *ch. 12. ver. 27, 28.* describes the Destruction of the two last Eagles Heads, by the *Sword*, and the last, which is the *Ottoman*, must be slain by the *Sword*: And these Heads are called Kingdoms, which must be raised; *ver. 23. In the last Days shall the most High raise up three Kingdoms, and they shall have Dominion of the Earth. Ver. 25. For these are they that shall accomplish his Wickedness, and that finish his last End.* These are the *Constantinopolitan*, the *Saracen*, and *Ottoman* Empires, and these are represented as three Beasts in the new Form of the *Roman* Empire, *Rev. ch. 13.* the first and second are slain, *ch. 14.* and the last, *ch. 19.*

Since the Popedom pretends to Infallibility, and has declared its Faith in the Council of *Trent*, it cannot admit of any farther Corruption in future Ages; and for that reason we believe that the present Popedom is the great Whore: And since the ten Horns hate her, for her Abominations and Insults, the time of her burning approaches. The Papiſts expect another Antichrist in future Ages, but none can destroy more Christians, their Cities and Churches, and blaspheme Christ in a more insolent way, than the *Ottoman* Empire has done, and *Mahometism* was the greatest Imposture that can happen. Therefore that has the just Title of the great Antichrist, and that Empire will give *Rome* its last fatal Blow by Piracy, as the *Sibylline Oracles* declare, and the *Revelations* represent, by a Stone cast into the Sea.

The time of the Judgment on the Whore being described *ch. 12. by a time, times, and half a time*, from her Rise, and assuming Imperial Power, when the Western Empire was destroyed, 476. or from *Phocas's* Grant, 606. And the time of the great Antichrist in the *East* being described by 42 Months, and *Dan. 12. by a time, times, and a half*, from its first Rise, 622. but the 42 Months from the taking of *Jerusalem*: We must enquire for the end of the four Monarchies, which succeeded one another, when they will end; and that we find in *Daniel*, according to the *Septuagint*, *ch. 7* the length of their Lives, or continuance will be to two times, *ἑως καὶ πάλιν καὶ καὶ πάλιν. ver. 12.* And these are mention'd in that Chapter, the first till the Beast or little Horn, *ver. 11.* was slain, and the second time is till the Saints possessed the Kingdom, then all Dominions shall serve and obey him, *ver. 27.* And *Dan. ch. 2. ver. 35.* Then was the Iron, the Clay, (the ten Horns) and *Roman* Empire, the Brass, the *Grecian* Empire, the Silver, the *Persian*, the Gold, the *Babylonian*: These had succeeded one another as Empires, but
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at last remained small Kingdoms, till the Stone broke them in pieces together, that is, by fighting with one another; and the time of their Empires lasting may be their first time, and their time of being small Kingdoms would last till Christ came to reign, and break them in pieces like Chaff, and the Wind, Wars carried them away.

Daniel, ch. 12. tells us, that there shall be a time of such Trouble, as never was since there was a Nation on the Earth; when his People shall be delivered, that is, every one that was found written in the Book of Life; and when the Dispersion of the *Jews* is finished, all the Wonders will be known, and that must be after Antichrist's *time, times, and half, ver. 7.* But *Daniel, ver. 8.* asks what is the meaning of *ἡμέρα ἡμίση*, and the Angel tells him, *ver. 10.* they the *Jews* shall be chosen, who are to return, they shall be made white, martyred, and tried by many Persecutions, and many sanctified. But the Wicked shall do wickedly, and all the Wicked shall not understand; but the Wise shall understand this Prophecy: Therefore, *ver. 9.* this Prophecy is closed and sealed up till the end of time, that is, the time of the Gospel, *ver. 4.* then many shall be taught, and Knowledge shall abound. Till *St. John's Revelation* this Book was sealed: Their last Return from their last Captivity, the Resurrection of the Just, and the second Coming of Christ to destroy Antichrist, was not fully revealed till then.

Daniel, ch. 12. ver. 11. from the Change of the daily Sacrifice which the *Jews* will again practice in *Ezekiel's* Temple, from that time shall be an abominable Desolation, 1290 Days, not Years: This is Gog's second Coming, *Zach. 14.* The City shall be taken, the Houses rifled, the Women ravished, and half the City of Jerusalem go into Captivity. *Ch. 13.* The Shepherd shall be smitten, and the Sheep scattered; two parts in the Land shall be cut off, and die, but the third left, who must be brought through Fire, and refined. This is called the Day of the Lord: *Ch. 14.* when the Nations are gathered against Jerusalem to Battel; and these must be all destroyed by Christ, standing on Mount Olivet, and by fighting, and an Earthquake.

After the first Siege by Gog, *ch. 12.* the *Jews* will see him whom they pierced, coming in the Air, and mourn; that is, the Sign of the Son of Man, a Cross in the Air, like that *Constantine* saw; and being converted to Christianity, they will change their daily Sacrifice: but the Infidels will be destroyed by Gog, in his second Siege of Jerusalem, viz. half

half the Citizens, and two parts of the Men in the Land of *Judaea*; and the two Witnesſes will be ſlain, the *Jews* and *Gentiles* converted, or the two Eaſtern Churches. And this Calamity will not be over till 1335 Days, but if we ſuppoſe theſe Days to be Years, and add them to the *Hegira* 622, they will reach to the 1957th Year of our Lord; but they will abate in *A. D.* 1912, which is computed by adding 1290 to the *Hegira*, 622. This Year, *A. D.* 1717. is the *Mooreſ* 1130th *Hegira*: But then we muſt underſtand by *Dan.* 12. that the *Mahomedan* Empire is the Abomination that maketh deſolate, as the *Romans* were, *ch.* 9. called the ſame; but then the *Jewiſh* *ἁγία* ceaſed: But here 'tis called *παράλλαξις ἐνδελεχις*, the Change of the daily Chriſtian Service to *Mahomer's* Superſtition, at the taking of *Jeruſalem*.

The Fourth Remark.

Notes upon the several Figures of the Roman Empire in this Prophecy.

1. **T**HE four Horses represent the several Governments, or Empires, to succeed one another in the Roman Empire; so *Zachary, ch. 6.* did represent by his four Chariots with white, red, black, and bay Horses, the four Empires in the East, the Persian, the Grecian, the Roman, and the Mahomedan, which would govern in *Judea*.

1st, The Pagan Empire in *St. John's* time under *Trajan*, is the white Horse, who was to destroy the Remnant of the Jews; and *Adrian* finished their utter Ruin: The Destruction of the rest of the Pagan Emperors is under the sixth Seal; and the War with *Michael, ch. 12.* represents the last Struggle the Pagans made for that Empire.

2dly, The second red Horse represents *Constantine*, and the succeeding Christian Emperors; then the last Pagan Emperors killed one another, and *Constantine* had long Wars with them, tho' at last he restored Peace to the Church. The peaceable Practice of Religion under *Constantine* is represented *ch. 7.* then the four Angels held the Winds, or stopt the Wars. The Constantinopolitan Empire is represented also *ch. 13.* the Leopard was the Beast, by which *Dan. 7.* represented the Grecian Empire, and *St. John* uses the same Beast to represent the Constantinopolitan Empire: This Empire is called the Vine of the Earth, and is destroyed by the Vintage, *ch. 14.* This Horse is of a red Colour, and his Rider had a long Sword, by which a Warrior *Constantine* is represented: He had Wars with the Pagan Emperors 18 Years.

3dly, The third Horse is a black Horse, the Saracens from *Arabia*; the Rise of these are described by *Locusts, ch. 9.* where they have a King, the Angel of the bottomless Pit:

Ch. 11. they tread down *Jerusalem* 42 Months; *ch. 13.* they are the wounded Head; *ch. 14.* they are destroyed by the Harvest.

4thly, The fourth Horse was a pale Horse, the *Turks*; their Rise is described *ch. 9.* then they came over *Euphrates*, *ch. 13.* they are the Image of the wounded Head, and the second Beast; the Vials are poured on their Empire, *ch. 16.* they are destroyed, *ch. 19.*

2. The several Beasts represent several States in the *Roman* Empire, and their Emperors; so *Daniel* represented the four Empires, by a Lyon, Bear, Leopard, and a Beast with ten Horns.

The first Beast mention'd in the *Revelations* is that which slays the two Witnesses, *ch. 11. ver. 7.* and that is called the Beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless Pit; and that is the *Mahomedans*, described *ch. 9.* who had a King over them, the Angel of the bottomless Pit, and the Locusts came out of that Pit; and the *Turks* bear the Image of the *Saracens*, having the same Religion and Government. The Shape of the Locusts was like to Horses prepared to Battle, and their Tails like Scorpions, their Teeth as Lyons; and the *Turks* are described by Horsemen with Lyons Heads, and their Tails like to Serpents: These Symbols are alike, as well as the Empires.

The second Beast mention'd is the red Dragon, *ch. 12.* he had seven Heads crowned, and ten Horns; this was to shew the new Form of the *Roman* Empire after the seven Trumpets had raised seven new Heads in it, that is, seven crowned Princes, the *Goths*, *Vandals*, *Visigoths*, *Franks*, *Popedom*, the *Saracens*, and *Turks*: And the ten Horns are the ten Dominions under these seven Heads, for the Horns are not crowned as in *ch. 13.* where there are no Crowns on the seven Heads, as on the red Dragon's Heads: With these several Nations the Devil designed to destroy the pure State of Christianity; but *St. Michael* supported it, and hindered any of these Nations from setting up a new Empire at present in the *West*.

The third Beast is *ch. 13.* and he is like a Leopard, that is, he is the *Constantinopolitan* Empire, over *Greece*; his Bear's Feet and Lyon's Mouth, shew his Cruelty and Barbarity; or that the *Saracens*, the Lyon's Mouth, and the *Turks*, the Bear's Feet, were at the Extremities of that Empire, the *Saracens* at *Babylon*, the *Turks* in *Persia*. The seven Heads must now be changed, the *Constantinopolitan* Empire can be no Head, 'tis the Body of the Beast; but

the *Saracens*, *Turks*, *Popedom*, *Franks*, *Vifgoths*, *Lombards*, *Saxons*, may be the seven Heads, and these were not crowned; because the ten Horns, or ten Dominions in the *West*, had ten crowned Princes, only there were the Names of Blasphemy on the seven Heads. This represents that they were under two Religions that spoke Blasphemy, or taught it, *Mahomet's*, and the *Pope's*.

Ch. 13. ver. 3. The wounded Head is here called the Beast, and by *ch. 11.* and *9.* we know that is the *Mahomedans*, and not the Beast here described with seven Heads; a Head here must be a Government, and a Beast, and not one of *Rome's* seven Hills, because 'tis wounded, and that must be by the *Constantinopolitan* Leopard; and when the Wound was healed, the World wondered after the Beast: *Ver. 10.* this Beast is to be slain; *He that leadeth into Captivity, shall go into Captivity, he that killeth with the Sword, must be killed*; but the second Beast must first rise.

The fourth Beast riseth out of the Earth, he had the two Horns of the Lamb, that is, *Asia minor* and *Greece*, which were Christian Kingdoms, when the *Ottomans* rose, and the first they conquered. *Ch. 16.* the Angels pour out their Vials on this Empire, called the Seat of the Beast, and this Beast is utterly destroyed by Christ at his second Coming: *Ch. 19.* the Destruction of the *Saracens* is in *Babylon*, *ch. 14.* by the Harvest.

The *Mahomedan* Empire is here the Antichrist, for he is cast into a Lake of Fire, and *Daniel* says, *ch. 7. ver. 11.* his Body was destroyed, the Beast slain, and given to the burning Flame.

The four Beasts, mention'd *ch. 4.* are the Form of four Emperors or Patriarchs, in the *Millennium*, for they must reign on the Earth, as Priests and Kings; the fifth Beast is the scarlet-coloured Beast, on whom the Whore did ride; and this is the Western Emperor, he is full of Names of Blasphemy, he is governed by the Whore in his Religion, which is full of Blasphemy; she is Vicar of Christ, Infallible, Governour of all Kings and Countries; a Worshipper of Saints, and Angels, and the Host; these irreligious Opinions are called Blasphemy: The Forgiveness of Sins is called Blasphemy, *Mat. 9. 3.* And a Cup of Abomination and Fornication is in her Hand, that is Idolatry. This Beast has seven Heads, that is, seven Mountains, the Seat of the Whore, and the ten Horns are ten Kings, who have received no Kingdom as yet, but receive Power as Kings, one Hour with the Beast: This Beast's Heads are Mountains,

tains, not Kingdoms, the Horns are not crowned, they will make War with the Whore, but first with the Lamb; and by these Marks the Western Beast is distinguished from all the other Beasts, as well as by the seven *French* Emperors, raised by the Whore in the West; and the Beast is the eighth, the *German* Emperor, who must continue till he has burnt *Rome*, by the Assistance of the ten Horns: This Government is said to ascend out of the bottomless Pit, because the Whore raised it; and it shall go into Perdition; but there being no particular time appointed for it, it must be at the second Coming of Christ, which will be near when the Whore is destroyed, and *Dan.* 12. the rest of the Beasts, they had their Dominion taken away; and *ver.* 27. all Dominions shall serve and obey him. Since the Whore is destroyed before the Beast, and not burnt at last as the Beast, she cannot be *Daniel's* little Horn, or Beast, whose Body is destroyed in the Flames, after the Judgment sits, as in *ch.* 7. of *Daniel*, for the Whore is not described by *Daniel* or *Esdra's*: The Whore is judged, and burnt, *Rev.* *ch.* 17. but the Beast and his Prophet, *ch.* 19. And the Whore is never called the Beast, but the Whore that rides him, and she is to be burnt by the Beast: Neither can the Woman be the false Prophet, because he is burnt with the Eastern Beast, the *Mahomedans*; and he is their Prophet, as appears *ch.* 16. where he gathers them to the Battel of *Armageddon*. Since this Beast is said to rise out of the bottomless Pit, the Devil had some Service done him by that Empire, so long as it supported the Popedom; and they who admired those Actions of the Beast, whilst the Whore rid him, have not their Names writ in the Book of Life; and since the Wars with the Protestants are the Wars with the Lamb, all Papists ought seriously to consider this, and leave that Communion: as the Voice from Heaven calls all God's Servants out of this mystical *Babylon*, that they partake not of her Plagues, as well as Sins, *Rev.* *ch.* 18. The Corruptions of *Rome*, called a Cup of Abominations, and her Fornication, came forth of the bottomless Pit, as well as the Religion of *Mahomet*; for which both will be signally judged and burnt, and both will be excluded out of the *Millennium*. The Rise and Fall of all Governments are by God's Decrees, and by the Ministry of his Angels; but 'tis said in this Prophecy of the Beast, with ten Horns and seven Heads, *ch.* 13. the Dragon gave him his Power, that is, his tyrannical Use of it, his Throne or Royal Seat at *Constantinople*, and his Authority, that is,

his Conquest over others unjustly. The last Scene of all Empires and petty Princes, called Horns, is now discovered in this Prophecy; the Emperors cannot now conquer the Horns, nor the Horns make themselves Emperors; to what end do they now fight for Provinces, since in a few Years all Dominions must be taken away by Christ, and all Countries must be the Kingdom of the Saints, *ch. 17. ver. 17.* God will put it in the Hearts of Princes, to fulfil his Will, and to agree, and give their Kingdom unto the Beast, or Emperor, until the Words shall be fulfilled concerning the burning of the great Whore; and since this will certainly come to pass, who now can fear her Attempts? The Fornication, or false Worship of the *Mahomedans* and Whore, is the Reason of their signal Judgments, and they who will continue in their sinful Communion, will partake with them in their Punishments. Fornication is here allowed to be a just Cause of Separation from a Church, but no Opinions or other Practices are a just Cause of our Separation, as we may learn by Christ's Letters to the seven Churches; he reproves their want of Zeal, and Lasciviousness of the *Nicolaitans* at *Ephesus*, the Hypocrisy of the *Jews* at *Smyrna*, the eating of things offered to Idols at *Pergamus*, the Fornication of *Jezebel* at *Thyatira*, the Decay of Christianity at *Sardis*, the Lukewarmness of the *Laodiceans*: All these false Opinions and Wickedness Christ corrects, and threatens temporal Punishments, but the Spirit orders none to separate from those established Churches, upon account of their Sins: 'Tis only a false Worship of God, that can justify any Separation; and they who will not communicate with a Christian Church in these Ages, will be excluded from the *Millennium*, and will be burnt amongst the Tares at Christ's second Coming, because a Uniformity of pure Christianity must succeed in the *Millennium*. *St. Paul, Gal. 5. 20.* excludes Seditions and Heresies out of the Kingdom of God.

Many Attempts have been made to reconcile the *Greek* and *Latin* Churches in vain, because neither Patriarch will submit to the other; the People will not suffer their religious Ceremonies to be changed, nor will the *Turk* admit of the Pope's Supremacy: 'Tis impossible to attempt any Reconciliation betwixt the Papists and Protestants, since these can never submit to the Pope's Supremacy, and the Council of *Trent*. It is not possible to reconcile Protestants to the Church, since they all pretend to be infallible Interpreters of the Scripture: But if they would consult the

the History of Christianity for the first 300 Years, there they would find the true Form of Government in the Christian Church, by Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and they used a publick Liturgy : And about these things the present Age contends most ; but all might easily agree in the *Nicene Creed*, and leave to all a Liberty of Opinions in other Matters. This is the only means of avoiding the Wrath that is to come on the World at the second Coming of Christ with his mighty Angels in flaming Fire : 2 *Thess. ch. 1. ver. 8.*

I have observed, that in 200 Years some great Changes have happen'd both in the East and West, which are predicted in the *Revelations*, which I shall mention.

From *A. D.* 100. to *A. D.* 300. *St. John* writ the *Revelations* 96, and in about the 200th Year after, the *Pagan Empire* fell, and the Persecutions of the Martyrs happen'd.

Till 500. In this space in the East the flourishing State of the *Constantinopolitan Church* ; and in the West, the Fall of the Western Empire, and its Division by the Northern Invasions.

Till 700. In the East the *Saracens* raise their Empire, in the West the Popedom rose.

Till 900. In the East the *Saracen Wars* with the Saints, and the Conquest of them by that wounded Head, in the West the Pope raised the Western Empire.

Till 1100. The *Turks* come into *Asia*, and conquer the *Saracens*, in the West the Popedom comes to its height, and persecutes the Reformation.

Till 1300. The Holy War in the East, and the everlasting Gospel, the Fall of *Bagdat* by the *Tartars* ; in the West the Persecution of the Protestants by Popish Wars.

Till 1600. The *Turks* destroy *Constantinople* and *Greece* ; the Pope continues his Persecutions, or War with the Lamb.

Till 1700. The *Turkish Empire* falls by the Success of the Christian Armies by Sea and Land ; in the West many Kingdoms forsook *Rome*.

Till 1900. The *Jews* Return, *Rome* is burnt in the West, by the Western Beast and ten Horns ; in the East the Vials are poured out, and the last Fall of *Rome*, Christ comes to destroy Antichrist, and to raise the Dead, who suffered for the Testimony of him, and to restore the ten Tribes to *Judea* : And then the *Millennium* begins.

Since so many and so great Events will suddenly come, we may expect great Prodigies will precede them, extraordinary

ordinary Eclipses, Thunders, Winds, and Hurricanes, burning or shining Meteors in the Air: On the Earth Inundations, intestine Wars, Earthquakes, Famines, Plagues, Hail, Darkneſs in the Sun and Moon: Moſt of theſe are mentioned *Rev. 16.* and the Sign of the Son of Man will appear in the Air, which is probably a Comet, in the Form of a Croſs; for a Comet, called a Star, was ſeen by the *Magi*, at the firſt Coming of Chriſt: And we may well believe that ſome Comet will precede his ſecond Coming, which the Goſpel calls *the Sign of the Son of Man.* *Luke, 21. 25.* ſays, *There ſhall be Signs in the Sun, and Moon, and Stars;* the firſt are Eclipses, or Darkneſs, and Comets are thoſe in the Stars: And this may ſhew the Form of a Croſs, ſuch *Constantine* ſaw; and Hiſtories deſcribe Comets of a Figure like Croſſes.

We cannot now wonder at the many Prodigies which happen every Year of late, ſince in this and the next Century all the Events above mention'd muſt come to paſs: Let us take *St. Peter's* Advice, *Epiſt. 2. ch. 3.* *Seeing all theſe things ſhall happen, what manner of Perſons ought we to be in all holy Converſation, and Godlineſs, looking for, and haſting unto the Coming of the Day of God:* Let none of us ſcoff at the Promise of Chriſt's Coming, tho' all things continue as they were from the beginning of the Creation; the old World was drowned by *Noah's* Flood, and the preſent Heavens and Earth are reſerved to the Day of the Judgment and Perdition of wicked Men; and then the Heaven will be diſſolved by Fire, and the Elements melt with fervent Heat: Nevertheless, according to his Promise, we look for new Heavens, and a new Earth. The Lord is not ſlack concerning his Promise, but is long-ſuffering, not willing that any ſhould periſh.

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The Fifth Remark.

Notes on the different Senses in which the Church or Temple is used in the Revelations, and the sealing of the Saints; and on new Jerusalem.

1. **T**HE seven Churches, mention'd in *ch. 1, 2, 3.* are called *ἐκκλησίαι*, which signifies the Bishop and his People, as appears by the Letters to them.

2. The first Temple that is mention'd was *ch. 3. ver. 10.* and this is *Ezekiel's Temple* in the *Millennium*, which will be used then by the converted *Jews*; the Spirit, *i. e.* Christ, promises then to make the Bishop a Pillar in that Temple, which is called the Temple of God, and that he will write on him the Names of God, the holy City, and his new Name. But before the *Millennium* *Ezekiel's Temple* is described, when the *Jewish Ceremonies* were observed in it, *ch. 11. ver. 19.* and the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his Temple the Ark of the Testament, and the same *Jewish Temple* is mention'd *Rev. ch. 15. ver. 5.* the Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony in Heaven was opened. *Zachary* mentions, *ch. 14.* after Christ's standing on Mount Sion, and the Destruction of the Nations, *that all of the Nations shall go up every Year to worship the Lord of Hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles*; and *ver. 20.* he mentions *the Lord's House*. And *Joel, ch. 3. ver. 18.* says, *A Fountain shall come forth of the House of the Lord*; and the same *Ezekiel* says of his Temple. *Daniel, ch. 12. ver. 11.* saith, *The daily Sacrifice shall be taken away*, after he had declared the Return of the *Jews*; and this must be at the end of those Descriptions of Antichrist. And *2 Maccab. ch. 2.* *Jeremy* is said to *hide the Ark in a Cave*, and the Place should be unknown till the time that God gathered his People. Since *Ezekiel* gives Directions for dividing the Land amongst the twelve Tribes,
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and mentions the River running out of the Temple, and these have never yet happen'd, we may well affirm, that *Ezechiel's* Temple has never yet been built, nor the Service prescribed by him performed in it. But these things will be, till *Gog* comes to besiege them, and they are deliver'd, and they see the Sign of the Son of Man representing his Crucifixion. The Angels go out of *Ezechiel's* Temple clothed like high Priests, *ch. 15.* and that Temple was filled with Smoak from the Glory of God.

3. The Altar at *Constantinople*, and the Service, is represented, *ch. 8.* by an Angel with a Golden Censer.

Rev. ch. 11. the Church at *Jerusalem* is measured, but it had no inward Court for the Jews.

4. It appears that there is a Temple and Altar in Heaven, for *ch. 6. ver. 9.* the Souls of the Martyrs are seen under the Altar, that is in their separate State; and *ch. 7.* they in white Robes, and the sealed Jews, serve God in his Temple, and are before the Throne, and the Lamb, which is in the midst of the Throne, shall feed them, *ch. 14.* the Angels go out of this Temple in Heaven in the separate State.

5. There is no Temple in the new Heaven, and new Earth, *ch. 21. ver. 22.* For the Lord God Almighty, and the Lamb, are the Temple of it; but the Tabernacle of God is with Men, and he will dwell with them, *ch. 21. ver. 3.* This is new *Jerusalem*, *ver. 2.* And *ch. 22. ver. 3, 4.* this City seems to be the Throne of God, and of the Lamb, where his Servants shall serve him, and see his Face. It cannot be a City, *ch. 21. ver. 16.* The Length, and Breadth, and the Height of it are equal, 12000 Furlongs. This is no Temple for Sacrifice, nor City to dwell in, but a large Throne built like a City, for worshipping of God, and the Lamb, and thither the Kings of the new Earth will bring their Glory and Honour. *Ch. 22. ver. 4.* His Name shall be on their Foreheads; and that his Name is on their Foreheads, appears by *ch. 14.* in their separate State, after they are redeemed from Men, *ver. 4, 1.* And this is the Seal of God, which Men have in their Foreheads in this Life, *ch. 9. ver. 4.* And this Seal is the Spirit of God in a plentiful manner given to the Elect, *Eph. 4. ver. 30.* Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, wherewith you are sealed to the Day of Redemption. And *Eph. 1. ver. 13.* In whom you believing are sealed with the holy Spirit of Promise, who is the Earnest of our Inheritance, until the Redemption of the Possession. 2 Cor.

1. ver. 21. *God hath anointed us, and also sealed us, and given the Earnest of the Spirit in our Hearts.* St. John, ch. 6. ver. 27. *saith, God hath sealed Christ, & Seals, that he may give eternal Life.* This is the Character, Seal, and Power, and Name, given to Christ by the Father. Here in this Life we *are sealed, and sanctified by the holy Spirit,* ch. 7. Ch. 14. *the Spirit declares them blessed who die in the Lord, they rest from their Labours, and their Works follow them;* that is, their Works shall be approved which are writ in the Books kept till the Day of Judgment: The Spirit gives the Reward in the *Millennium*, and promises in Christ's Name to write the Name of God on him, the Name of the holy City, and Christ's new Name: We are commanded to hear this from the Spirit, ch. 3.

From all these Observations 'tis plain, the holy Spirit acts on all good Men not only in this Life, but also in the separate State, and also in the new Heaven and Earth, and is represented there by the pure River of Water of Life, proceeding out of the Throne of God, and the Lamb. John 7. ver. 38. *Christ says, He that believeth on me, out of his Belly shall flow Rivers of living Waters:* But this he spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive. By this Text we may observe the Spirit is represented by living Water; and Christ said to the Woman of Samaria, *The Water I shall give, shall be in him a Well of Water, springing up into everlasting Life.* Rev. 21. ver. 6. *I will give to him that is athirst, of the Fountain of the Water of Life, freely.*

This holy City is called the Tabernacle of God, and that is described, Heb. 9. ver. 3. *After the second Vail, the Tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies.* This is to be with Men, and God will dwell with them in it, Rev. 21. v. 3. This will descend out of Heaven, and is prepared as a Bride adorned for her Husband, and this will be the Glory of God to enlighten it. The Holy of Holies in the Jewish Temple represented this heavenly Tabernacle, into which the high Priest went but once a Year; but the Priest, ver. 6. went into the first Tabernacle, accomplishing the Service of God, and in this first were the Candlesticks, Table, and Shew-Bread; and this part of the Jewish Temple will not be in the Tabernacle of the new Heaven, and new Earth: And therefore this holy City is represented as a glorious Place of Worship of God, and the Lamb, on their Thrones. This Tabernacle's Structure is described by Gold
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and Jewels, to shew its Splendor and Magnificence ; it is measured to represent its great Compass, its Form, and Height. This is the true Tabernacle, which the Lord made, and not Man, *Heb. 8. ver. 2.* of which Christ is called a Minister. And *ver. 5.* Moses made the Jews Tabernacle according to this Pattern shewed him in the Mount, *Acts 7. ver. 44.* that the Jews might serve God by the Example and Shadow of heavenly things, *Heb. 9. ver. 23.* the Holy of Holies is called the Pattern of things in the Heavens ; and *ver. 24.* that Christ is not entred into the holy Places made with Hands, which are the Figures of the true : This is called a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, *ver. 11. Heb. 12. ver. 22.* this is called *the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem ; ver. 23. The Church of the First-born, who are written in Heaven, in which are the Spirits of just Men made perfect, and an innumerable Company of Angels.* This General Assembly is in the separate State, that being called the First-born, and writ in Heaven ; and from thence this City will descend into the new Heaven and Earth, after the *Millennium*, and burning of this World : But at present this is the Temple in the heavenly Mansions, where the separate Souls of the Saints serve him Day and Night, they are clothed with white Robes, and stand before the Throne, and the Lamb ; and cry with a loud Voice, *Salvation to our God, which sitteth on the Throne, and unto the Lamb.* This is the first Action of departed Souls in Paradise, when they arrive there, being carried by their Guardian Angels, and clothed with white Robes as the Angels are, and then presented before the Throne, there to receive the Seal of God in their Foreheads, *Rev. 7.* Angelical Perfection and Splendor, like that of an Angel, such as appeared in St. Stephen's Face, *Acts 6. ver. 15.*

Ezekiel's City is a Model or Type of *New Jerusalem*, by its four-square Figure, and twelve Gates, but it is built by the Jews very splendidly, as the old Prophets have described, of our earthly Materials, and has a Temple by it, and this will be destroyed with our World : But the *New Jerusalem* is built by God, descends from Heaven, the Building is of Gold and precious Stones, it has no Temple near it, and will last for ever, being in a new Heaven and new Earth ; its Length, Breadth, and Height are equal, and such cannot be any City on our Earth ; this is made after the Destruction of our World, but *Ezekiel's City* will be besieged by Gog, *Rev. 20.* Therefore these two Cities ought

to be distinguished from one another by all Interpreters; as belonging to two different States of Mankind: *Ezechiels* City is in the *Millennium*, but the *New Jerusalem* in the new Earth. It is no way improbable that Mankind should undergo three different States after this Life, since our Saviour had the same after his Crucifixion; his Soul went to Paradise first, then returned to the Body on our Earth, where he staid some time, and afterwards ascended into the Heavens: So the Souls of Men, at their Departure, will be carried into a Heaven-like Paradise amongst the first Stars, or Planets, and at Christ's second Coming be brought to our Earth, to reign with him 1000 Years, and at last be carried by him into a new Heaven and new Earth: All these things are clearly proved, and described by these *Revelations* to St. *John* the Apostle. And we find in the *Acts*, ch. 10. ver. 41. that the Apostles did eat and drink with Christ after his Resurrection; he drank new Wine, as he told his Disciples, he would drink no more of it till the Kingdom of God came. And in *Luke* 24. ver. 43. he eat of a broiled Fish and Honeycomb: And since our Bodies will rise in Flesh and Blood, therefore they may have Wine, Fish, Milk, Fruits, such as were in Paradise, as well as a Tree of Life, to make them immortal. The hidden Manna is promised in the *Millennium*, *Rev.* 2. ver. 17. And in *Psalms* 78. *David* calls it the Bread of Heaven, and the *æplov* of Angels, which was eat by Man, ver. 25. When the Just return to their Bodies, the Punishment of *Adam's* Sin is remitted, and the Curse upon the Creation taken away; the general Earthquake at Christ's second Coming having thrown down the Mountains, Springs and Rivers will break forth and give the original Fertility to the Earth in its barren Wildernesses: Then Christ will sit on the Throne of Glory, *And every one that hath forsaken Houses, Brethren, or Sisters, Father, Mother, or Wife, or Children, or Lands, for his sake, shall receive a hundred Fold, and shall inherit everlasting Life, Mat.* 19. ver. 29. This is the Reward in the Resurrection of the Just: And since this must happen during this World, it must come to pass when *Adam's* Paradise is restored in our Earth; and then Christ will perform the Promise he made to his Disciples, *Luke* 22. ver. 29, 30. *I appoint to you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that you may eat and drink at my Table in my Kingdom, and sit on Thrones, judging the twelve Tribes of Israel: They never yet have received this Kingdom,*
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nor judged the twelve Tribes, but this will literally be done in Christ's *Millenary* Kingdom on Earth; for the same Promise is repeated, *Rev. 3. ver. 20, 21. I will sup with him, and he with me; to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my Throne:* All these Promises will be performed in the *Millennium*. And I must refer the Reader to the Description of the *Millennium* by the old Prophets at the end of the *Sibylline Oracles*, which I formerly printed; and to the same for a fuller History of the *Turks* and *Saracens* Empire, which I have not transcribed into these Papers.

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E R R A T A.

PAGE 8. line 32. read after *Manna the Fruits of Pa-*
radise.

P. 18. l. 12. read *ch. 11.*

P. 20. l. 19. add *are the first.*

P. 27. l. 12. add *or this.*

P. 30. l. 5. read *Armies.*

Ibid. l. 20. divide *Volga* from *to.*

P. 35. l. 25. no stop after *conquered*; put this in a Paren-
thesis (*the Fate of Jerusalem being described.*)

P. 38. l. 28. read *ten Horns.*

P. 39. l. 33. dele the stop before *of.*

P. 50. l. 2. in the Title, read *144 thousand.*

P. 53. l. 12. read *Armeria.*

P. 60. l. 8. read *Zachary 14.*

P. 67. l. 28. read *can,* dele *not.*

P. 81. l. 17. read *Animals,* not *Enemies.*

P. 82. l. 3. read *second,* not *two.*

P. 85. l. 20. read *sixt,* not *first.*

P. 86. l. 17. read *Light,* not *Height.*

P. 89. l. 15. read *1736,* not *1748.*

P. 94. l. 4. read *Tubal,* not *Tebal.*

P. 103. l. 34. read *1500.*

P. 105. l. 6. dele *i. e.* *Chriff.*

The Form of the first Beast was omitted in *Chap. 13.*

*It appeared from the middle of the 7th Century, to the middle
of the 8th. The Body of the Beast is the Constantinopolitan
Empire. The seven Heads are seven Nations then in being:*

1. *The Saxons in England.* 2. *The Frankes in France.*
3. *The Longobards in Italy.* 4. *The Goths in Spain.*
5. *The Huns in Pannonia.* 6. *The Saracens in Syria.*
7. *The Turks in Armenia, or Persia.* France, Spain, and
England were divided into two Kingdoms apiece; and then
instead of seven Heads crowned, as in the red Dragon, there
were ten Horns crowned.

*The Papal and Mahomedan Religion are the Blasphemy on the
seven Heads, or Nations.*

*Note, The Jews will return before the Burning of
Rome; but the Eating of her Flesh, or loss of her Terri-
tories will be 1736; and after that the Jews will return.*

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